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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED AUGUST 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED SEPTEMBER 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,928.4	1,741.9	186.5	9.7	1,924.5	1,731.0	193.5	10.1	1,936.5	1,736.1	200.4	10.3
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.9	55.5	5.4	8.8	61.1	55.3	5.8	9.5	61.1	55.9	5.2	8.5
Baton Rouge 2/	266.0	242.7	23.3	8.8	263.2	239.0	24.2	9.2	263.7	240.5	23.2	8.8
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.8	62.3	6.5	9.4	68.9	62.4	6.5	9.5	71.1	62.1	9.0	12.6
Lafayette 4/	98.2	89.5	8.7	8.8	98.8	89.7	9.1	9.2	98.4	87.7	10.7	10.8
Lake Charles 5/	75.1	67.2	7.9	10.6	75.9	67.8	8.1	10.7	75.2	66.3	8.9	11.8
Monroe 6/	68.7	62.3	6.4	9.3	67.8	61.3	6.5	9.6	69.2	63.1	6.1	8.8
New Orleans 7/	598.6	546.2	52.4	8.7	603.1	549.8	53.3	8.8	601.0	545.6	55.4	9.2
Shreveport 8/	164.6	149.3	15.3	9.3	164.4	148.5	15.9	9.7	167.0	151.2	15.8	9.4

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,504,000 for September, an increase of 7,600 from the August revised level and 11,100 above the comparable period a year ago. Seasonal employment gains in public and private schools were mainly responsible for the upturn in nonmanufacturing industries. The state's manufacturing employment increased due to seasonal growth in food and kindred products in the nondurable goods sector.

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Durable goods employment for September, estimated at 74,900, was 300 higher than last month. Employment in the machinery, except electrical, industry was up in part due to increased production of oil field machinery.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 95,700 for September, was 900 above the August level. Food and kindred products employment was up due in large part to a seasonal increase in vegetable canning.

Nonmanufacturing employment for September, at 1,333,400, was 6,400 above the August revised level. Mining employment fell by 200 workers. A downturn in heavy construction accounted for the decrease in total construction payrolls. Contributing to the slight upturn in transportation and public utilities employment were increases in trucking and warehousing payrolls. Trade employment for September was higher as both the wholesale and retail segments experienced increases. A decrease in banking was instrumental in the lower level of employment in finance, insurance and real estate. Services employment was up due in large part to a seasonal increase in educational services. Within government, a seasonal increase in state education employment was responsible for most of the increase in nonmanufacturing employment for September.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 124,700 production workers in manufacturing increased from $465.13 in August to $466.82 in September, a gain of $1.69 but a decrease of nine cents from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were four cents higher in September than last month but $0.16 lower than the year-ago figure. Average weekly hours for September were unchanged from the August revised figure of 42.4.

Total unemployment for Louisiana during September was 186,500, a decrease of 7,000 below the August revised level of 193,500. The unemployment rate for September was 9.7 percent, compared to 10.1 percent for August and 10.3 percent for September 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for September was 5.2 percent, compared to 5.4 percent for August and 5.7 percent in September a year ago. Louisiana's civilian labor force moved from 1,924,500 in August to 1,928,400 in September, an increase of 3,900. Total employment moved from 1,731,000 in August to 1,741,900 in September, an increase of 10,900 workers.

The state's unemployment rate may fall in the upcoming months as seasonal employment upturns occur. Trade employment is expected to increase as workers are added in preparation for the holiday season. Educational services should continue their growth next month as a result of the new school term for both the public and private sectors.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	August 1988	September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,504.0	1,496.4	1,492.9	+ 7.6	+11.1
MINING	54.7	54.9	55.0	- 0.2	- 0.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	52.0	52.2	52.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	83.3	84.6	81.1	- 1.3	+ 2.2
MANUFACTURING	170.6	169.4	165.8	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Durable Goods	74.9	74.6	70.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.3	12.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.5	0.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.6	0	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.0	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	11.8	11.8	10.8	0	+ 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.5	9.3	8.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.8	6.9	7.3	- 0.1	- 0.5
Transportation Equipment	22.8	22.8	20.5	0	+ 2.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.6	2.5	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	95.7	94.8	95.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	20.3	19.7	21.0	+ 0.6	- 0.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.5	9.4	9.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.2	11.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.0	25.9	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.5	12.4	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.5	11.3	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.7	105.6	104.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.4	59.9	59.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
Water Transportation	23.6	23.5	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.1	40.5	40.3	- 0.4	- 0.2
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.1	18.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.1	22.4	22.1	- 0.3	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	365.3	364.9	365.4	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	83.6	83.5	82.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.3	46.1	45.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.4	37.3	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	281.7	281.4	282.9	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.8	58.3	57.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Food Stores	56.4	56.0	57.6	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.2	31.2	30.9	0	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	84.9	85.3	85.7	- 0.4	- 0.8
Other Retail Trade	50.4	50.6	50.9	- 0.2	- 0.5

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change from August 1988	Net Change from September 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.2	84.3	84.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Banking	24.3	24.5	25.1	- 0.2	- 0.8
SERVICES	332.6	329.7	326.3	+ 2.9	+ 6.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.6	22.9	21.6	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Personal Services	14.7	14.6	13.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Business Services	59.1	59.8	59.0	- 0.7	+ 0.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.3	9.4	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.3	5.4	5.3	- 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.7	9.8	9.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Health Services	104.2	104.0	102.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Legal Services	15.6	15.9	15.3	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Educational Services	27.2	23.0	23.9	+ 4.2	+ 3.3
Social Services	18.5	18.0	18.5	+ 0.5	0
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.6	26.2	- 0.3	- 0.9
Miscellaneous Services	14.9	14.9	14.6	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	307.6	303.0	309.7	+ 4.6	- 2.1
Federal	36.0	36.3	36.6	- 0.3	- 0.6
State and Local	271.6	266.7	273.1	+ 4.9	- 1.5
State	94.3	87.8	97.2	+ 6.5	- 2.9
Local	177.3	178.9	175.9	- 1.6	+ 1.4

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$466.82	$465.13	$466.91	42.4	42.4	41.8	$11.01	$10.97	$11.17
Durable Goods	415.65	419.89	412.05	41.9	42.2	41.0	9.92	9.95	10.05
Lumber & Wood Products	353.56	351.05	357.28	42.7	42.5	41.4	8.28	8.26	8.63
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	367.34	356.29	375.66	40.5	39.5	40.7	9.07	9.02	9.23
Fabricated Metal Products	415.04	431.65	424.87	44.2	44.8	42.7	9.39	9.70	9.95
Machinery, ex. Electrical	389.67	399.77	395.10	41.9	43.5	43.9	9.30	9.19	9.00
Electric & Electronic Equip.	548.36	593.18	502.11	41.7	44.4	38.3	13.15	13.36	13.11
Transportation Equipment	442.95	429.20	435.05	40.6	40.0	39.3	10.91	10.73	11.07
Nondurable Goods	510.94	503.20	512.13	42.9	42.5	42.5	11.91	11.84	12.05
Food & Kindred Products	308.77	309.94	315.46	40.1	40.2	40.6	7.70	7.71	7.77
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	200.43	201.84	186.30	35.6	36.9	32.8	5.63	5.47	5.68
Paper & Allied Products	575.51	575.02	646.00	43.5	43.3	47.5	13.23	13.28	13.60
Printing & Publishing	403.64	395.96	407.20	38.7	38.0	40.0	10.43	10.42	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	743.38	708.69	731.34	47.5	45.4	45.2	15.65	15.61	16.18
Petroleum & Coal Products	747.30	728.86	708.53	49.1	47.7	46.4	15.22	15.28	15.27
Petroleum Refining	766.69	745.80	723.85	49.4	47.9	46.7	15.52	15.57	15.50
MINING	517.20	528.92	537.89	43.1	44.9	45.7	12.00	11.78	11.77
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	539.34	548.17	534.07	40.4	41.0	40.8	13.35	13.37	13.09
BANKING	270.48	272.69	259.20	36.8	37.0	38.4	7.35	7.37	6.75

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 124,700 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 87,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 09 88				REVISED 08 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,775	20,150	2,625	11.6	22,600	19,625	2,975	13.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,025	8,875	1,150	11.4	9,800	8,675	1,125	11.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,000	5,125	875	14.8	5,950	4,975	975	16.4
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,550	13,225	2,325	15.0	15,750	13,175	2,575	16.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,700	14,225	1,475	9.4	14,975	13,500	1,475	9.8
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,600	5,875	725	11.0	6,550	5,825	725	10.9
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,750	475	11.4	4,225	3,675	550	12.7
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,750	4,375	375	7.9	4,700	4,325	375	7.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,075	3,400	675	16.4	4,100	3,400	700	16.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,150	7,450	700	8.6	8,075	7,375	700	8.6
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,125	8,825	1,300	12.8	9,950	8,650	1,300	13.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,150	11,650	1,500	11.4	13,225	11,750	1,475	11.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,100	3,525	575	14.2	4,150	3,400	750	18.1
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	9,000	8,200	800	8.9	8,875	8,000	875	9.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,050	11,500	1,550	11.8	12,725	11,125	1,600	12.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,300	7,275	1,025	12.4	8,125	7,025	1,100	13.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,825	6,050	775	11.3	6,775	6,000	775	11.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,225	21,525	2,700	11.1	24,325	21,425	2,900	11.9
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,475	9,825	1,650	14.4	11,525	9,725	1,800	15.5
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,325	6,825	500	6.9	7,225	6,675	550	7.7
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,150	10,575	1,575	12.9	12,000	10,400	1,600	13.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,675	6,000	675	10.2	6,500	5,825	675	10.2
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,475	17,575	900	4.9	16,800	15,900	900	5.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,650	4,875	775	13.7	5,675	4,850	825	14.6
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,425	10,850	1,575	12.7	12,400	10,700	1,700	13.7
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,725	15,225	1,500	9.0	16,150	14,550	1,600	9.9
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,050	8,175	875	9.6	9,075	8,175	900	10.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,425	6,125	1,300	17.4	7,375	5,950	1,425	19.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,225	3,725	500	11.9	4,100	3,675	425	10.3
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,025	7,925	1,100	12.2	9,025	7,800	1,225	13.7
MANY (SABINE)	10,100	9,275	825	8.2	10,150	9,275	875	8.5
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,775	2,450	325	11.7	2,750	2,400	350	12.9
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,200	7,050	1,150	14.0	8,150	6,875	1,275	15.5
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,325	28,350	4,975	14.9	33,300	27,950	5,350	16.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,575	20,825	2,750	11.7	23,375	20,425	2,950	12.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,300	34,250	5,050	12.8	38,650	33,475	5,175	13.4
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,125	2,850	275	9.2	3,050	2,775	275	9.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,650	7,725	925	10.7	8,525	7,600	925	10.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,925	17,475	2,450	12.3	19,475	17,075	2,400	12.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,425	17,875	1,550	8.0	19,325	17,750	1,575	8.2
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,250	16,325	1,925	10.6	18,200	16,175	2,025	11.1
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,425	17,175	2,250	11.6	19,350	16,925	2,425	12.6
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,275	3,575	700	16.5	4,550	3,525	1,025	22.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,200	3,750	450	10.5	4,125	3,700	425	10.3
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,700	5,250	450	7.9	5,600	5,125	475	8.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change From August 1988	Net Change From September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.7	45.6	46.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.2	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	9.0	8.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
General Merchandise	2.0	2.1	1.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.4	11.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.1	12.7	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
State and Local	9.5	9.4	10.0	+ 0.1	- 0.5
State	4.5	4.6	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Local	5.0	4.8	5.1	+ 0.2	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,700 during the month of September. This estimate was 100 more than last month and 300 less than September of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 during September. This estimate was the same as the previous month. Since September of last year employment in manufacturing has declined by 100 with the reduction occurring in other durable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,300 during September. This estimate is 100 more than August, with an increase in local government and services, and a decrease in trade. Compared to September of last year, nonmanufacturing has declined by 200. The decline was primarily in government.

During the next thirty days, total nonagricultural employment and unemployment rates should remain about the same.

BATON ROUGE AREA
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(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change From August 1988	Net Change From September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	214.3	211.3	213.1	+ 3.0	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.7	18.5	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	3.9	4.0	3.9	- 0.1	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.7	14.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.6	21.9	19.8	- 0.3	+ 1.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.4	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.1	51.9	51.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.9	7.8	7.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.8	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	40.5	40.3	39.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	13.5	0	0
Banking	3.4	3.3	3.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	44.1	43.9	43.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	53.0	50.1	55.3	+ 2.9	- 2.3
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	50.8	47.9	53.1	+ 2.9	- 2.3
State	28.3	25.2	30.6	+ 3.1	- 2.3
Local	22.5	22.7	22.5	- 0.2	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$567.17	$549.10	$564.58	43.0	42.5	43.8	$13.19	$12.92	$12.89
Petro-Chemicals	735.30	724.96	731.40	46.1	46.0	46.0	15.95	15.76	15.90

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 214,300 during September, was up 3,000 from the August revised estimate and up 1,200 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700, showed no change during the current period; however, it was up 200 over last September. Durable goods employment was down due to less business in fabricated metal products. The loss in durable goods was offset by an increase in nondurable goods due to more business in miscellaneous apparel and accessories and in miscellaneous plastics products.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 3,000 during the current period. Construction was down due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction, and in electrical work. Retail trade was up due to seasonal increases in department stores, eating and drinking places, and motor vehicle dealers. Banking was up due to more business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services employment showed seasonal increases in elementary and secondary schools, and in correspondence and vocational schools. State government was up due to seasonal increases in state colleges, universities, professional schools, and junior colleges. Local government was down due to students leaving their summer jobs to return to school.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $567.17, up $18.07 from the August revised average. Average weekly hours, at 43.0, were up 0.5 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $13.19, were up $0.27 per hour. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 242,700 during September, up 3,700 from the revised August estimate and up 2,200 from the year-ago total. Unemployment, at 23,300, was down 900 during the current period and up 100 from September of last year. The local unemployment rate for September was 8.8 percent, down from the revised 9.2 percent for August and unchanged from the year-ago rate. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 266,000 during September, up 2,800 from the prior month and 2,300 over the total for last September.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,760 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 647 applicants in jobs during September, 1988.

The consumer price index for August, 1988 for all urban consumers was 119.0, and for all urban wage and clerical workers 117.7 using base period 1982-1984 = 100.

Seasonal increases are expected to continue in retail trade during the coming month, while unemployment will remain close to its present level.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change From August 1988	Net Change From September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.2	53.4	52.3	- 0.2	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	4.5	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.7	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.8	0	- 0.5
MINING	6.0	6.2	5.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.5	0	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.4	6.3	5.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Water Transportation	4.1	4.0	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.7	13.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.8	10.9	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.0	9.1	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.0	9.8	10.3	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.5	9.3	9.8	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	2.4	2.2	2.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Local	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA eased down to 53,200, showing an overall decrease of 200 since August. Most industry divisions either lost workers or showed no change. Gains in transportation and government prevented a larger overall downturn. However, total employment shows a gain of 900 since September 1987.

Manufacturing totaled 4,300 in September, unchanged from the previous month. Both the durable goods and nondurable goods segments remained unchanged over the month.

Mining showed a decrease due to layoffs in oil and gas field services. Construction held steady. Transportation and public utilities employment was boosted by a small gain in water transportation. Wholesale trade tapered off in both durable and nondurable goods. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed a minor overall decrease. Services reflected a small downturn spread through several segments. Government was favored by a seasonal gain in state educational services.

Estimated unemployment in September stood at 6,500, the same level as in August. Unemployment presently comprises 9.4 percent of the labor force, compared to 9.5 percent in August and 12.6 percent in August of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 765.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit a small overall seasonal increase. Educational services will pull back up to normal levels as the fall semester moves further along. Retail trade will probably show a small gain with the start of the holiday season. Unemployment is predicted to display a small decrease.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change From August 1988	Net Change From September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	83.2	83.7	80.8	- 0.5	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.1	2.9	3.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.1	5.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.1	23.2	21.8	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.4	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.8	17.8	16.7	0	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.3	10.3	9.6	0	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.6	3.7	3.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.7	19.1	18.3	- 0.4	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.1	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.4	11.3	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	4.8	4.0	4.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.6
Local	6.6	7.3	6.7	- 0.7	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 83,200 for September. This estimate is 500 less than last month's revised estimate, and is 2,400 above the September 1987 revised figure.

Manufacturing showed no change from last month. Mining employment decreased due to less demand for oil and gas. Construction rose by 200 and is 100 above the September 1987 level. Transportation and public utilities showed a loss of 100 workers. Wholesale and retail trade employment fell by 100 due to a decrease in the durable goods sector of wholesale trade; however, total trade was up 1,300 over last year's estimate primarily due to increased employment in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate decreased by 100. Services showed a seasonal decrease of 400, reflecting the end of the racing season. Government was up by 100.

Employment should increase due to the holiday season drawing closer and educational institutions getting fully underway. The unemployment rate should remain stable for the next 30 days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change From August 1988	Net Change From September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	59.1	57.5	- 0.3	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	11.0	11.0	11.0	0	0
Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.1	4.2	3.7	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	4.1	3.9	- 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.2	14.4	0	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.3	11.4	11.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	- 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.7	3.9	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.5	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Personal Services	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	10.2	10.3	9.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.6	9.7	9.3	- 0.1	0
State	3.2	3.3	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	6.4	6.4	5.7	0	- 0.4
					+ 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,800 for September, a decrease of 300 from the previous month, and 1,300 higher than September 1987.

Both manufacturing and mining showed no change from last month. Construction was down by 100 due to seasonal factors. Transportation and public utilities showed a decrease of 200, due in part to unfavorable weather conditions. Wholesale and retail trade was unchanged from August, as was finance, insurance and real estate. Services employment rose by 100, mostly in business services and health services. State government showed a decline of 100, effecting a decrease in government employment.

Employment in wholesale and retail trade is expected to increase over the next month, while the unemployment rate will remain stable.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	August 1988	September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.9	52.8	54.0	+ 1.1	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.1	7.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.1	2.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	1.9	2.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.0	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.3	0.4	0.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.9	14.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.9	3.8	- 0.2	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.1	10.0	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.5	4.6	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.0	11.7	11.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.6	9.9	10.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.0	9.3	9.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.3
State	4.6	4.0	4.6	+ 0.6	0
Local	5.4	5.3	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,900, was 1,100 above the August estimate of 52,800. The primary reason for the increase was the beginning of the fall semester at educational facilities.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,400, was up by 300 workers and reflects primarily the call-back of employees on temporary lay-off in durable goods. Nondurable goods was up by 100.

Mining showed a minimal decline of 100, as did construction. Wholesale and retail trade, estimated at 13,800, was 100 below the August estimate. Finance, insurance and real estate rose minimally to 4,600 workers. Services rose by 300 reflecting the start of the fall semester in private educational facilities. Government, estimated at 10,600, was up by 700 workers. This was primarily in educational facilities.

Employment is expected to remain relatively stable until after the first of the year. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change From August 1988	Net Change From September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	512.3	517.0	509.7	- 4.7	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	42.9	43.4	41.9	- 0.5	+ 1.0
Durable Goods	22.1	22.4	20.4	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 0.1	0
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	13.5	13.7	11.9	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.9	10.0	8.2	- 0.1	+ 1.7
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.8	21.0	21.5	- 0.2	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	5.8	6.0	6.1	- 0.2	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.7	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.2	15.1	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.3	14.2	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	22.1	22.4	21.9	- 0.3	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.7	44.3	43.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.8	13.4	12.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.5	132.3	135.4	+ 0.2	- 2.9
Wholesale Trade	31.9	31.8	31.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.2	18.2	18.0	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.6	13.7	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	100.6	100.5	103.7	+ 0.1	- 3.1
General Merchandise	13.8	13.8	13.9	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	18.3	18.1	19.0	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	34.1	34.4	35.3	- 0.3	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.6	33.7	34.3	- 0.1	- 0.7
Banking	7.2	7.3	7.2	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	137.0	137.3	133.5	- 0.3	+ 3.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.2	13.4	12.6	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Health Services	36.9	37.0	36.3	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	84.3	88.5	84.6	- 4.2	- 0.3
Federal	15.8	15.8	16.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	68.5	72.7	68.6	- 4.2	- 0.1
State	18.6	18.4	18.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Local	49.9	54.3	49.8	- 4.4	+ 0.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$436.59	$428.98	$427.73	40.5	40.7	39.9	$10.78	$10.54	$10.72
Durable Goods	373.62	377.78	383.57	39.0	39.6	39.1	9.58	9.54	9.81
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	253.12	221.00	279.00	28.0	25.0	30.0	9.04	8.84	9.30
Fabricated Metal Products	355.29	430.86	384.15	35.6	42.2	39.4	9.98	10.21	9.75
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	358.49	353.02	358.33	39.7	39.4	37.6	9.03	8.96	9.53
Nondurable Goods	505.98	486.04	468.12	42.2	41.9	40.6	11.99	11.60	11.53
Food & Kindred Products	324.80	312.08	313.90	36.7	37.6	36.5	8.85	8.30	8.60
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	193.31	174.41	156.26	36.2	33.8	30.7	5.34	5.16	5.09
Paper & Allied Products	366.36	410.90	426.82	43.0	46.8	45.6	8.52	8.78	9.36
Printing & Publishing	373.18	383.94	396.18	39.2	39.5	42.6	9.52	9.72	9.30
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	810.88	734.35	731.29	49.9	47.5	43.4	16.25	15.46	16.85

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in September decreased to 512,300, a level 4,700 below August. The largest decreases were in government and were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 2,600 workers, with losses in some industry divisions offset by larger gains in other divisions.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,900, down 500 from the previous month. The fabricated metal products and transportation equipment segments of manufacturing sustained losses due to less business. Food and kindred products also showed a decrease due to seasonal factors as the summer growing season ended.

Mining edged up over the previous month with gains shown in the oil and gas field services segment. Over the last year, oil and gas field services have been the primary determinant of growth in mining in this area, adding approximately 600 workers to the labor force. Construction moved downward with losses mostly due to the decrease in special trade contracts. Increases in local port activity contributed notably to the gains made in transportation and public utilities. Wholesale and retail trade made slight upward adjustments. Finance, insurance, and real estate inched down, partly reflecting layoffs of summer workers hired by banks and miscellaneous credit agencies. Services showed a small overall decrease, with seasonal increases in education offset by scattered decreases in many other segments. Government exhibited a marked downturn in employment primarily due to the layoff of summer student workers by local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $436.59 per week in September, up $7.61 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.5, down 12 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.78, up $0.24 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $8.86 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in September decreased to 52,400, a level 900 below August. Seasonal factors were partly responsible for the decrease. Joblessness presently comprises 8.7 percent of the labor force compared with 8.8 percent in August, and 9.2 percent in September of last year. The September rate was lower than the state rate of 9.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 8,427.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall increase. Public and private educational services will probably add workers for the fall semester. Retail trade will show normal seasonal increases as the holiday season approaches. Unemployment is expected to show some decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	September 1988*	August 1988**	September 1987**	Net Change From August 1988	Net Change From September 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.9	131.5	133.4	+ 0.4	- 1.5
MANUFACTURING	17.4	17.3	17.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	12.5	12.5	12.6	0	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.3	7.4	7.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.7	5.8	5.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.2	1.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
MINING	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	7.8	7.9	7.4	- 0.1	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.1	8.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.6	31.7	32.6	- 0.1	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	7.5	7.6	7.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	24.1	24.1	24.7	0	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.9	7.1	7.4	- 0.2	- 0.5
SERVICES	32.7	33.1	32.6	- 0.4	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	24.5	23.4	24.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.1
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
State and Local	19.8	18.7	19.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.1
State	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Local	13.9	12.8	13.8	+ 1.1	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**	Sept. '88*	Aug. '88**	Sept. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$476.63	$494.68	$470.42	41.7	42.1	40.8	$11.43	$11.75	$11.53
Lumber and Wood Products	308.39	295.68	273.64	38.5	38.5	37.9	8.01	7.68	7.22
Metals and Machinery	469.58	528.54	497.12	43.2	46.0	42.2	10.87	11.49	11.78
Food and Kindred Products	339.81	349.32	335.55	41.9	37.4	42.8	8.11	9.34	7.84
Printing and Publishing	353.79	343.28	341.35	36.7	35.1	35.3	9.64	9.78	9.67
Petroleum and Coal Products	586.65	558.93	545.71	52.1	46.5	45.4	11.26	12.02	12.02

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport area increased to 131,900, up from the revised August estimate of 131,500, but 1,500 less than the September 1987 estimate.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,400, is relatively unchanged from both the revised August estimate of 17,300, and the September 1987 estimate of 17,500.

Nonmanufacturing employment shows a small increase to 114,500, up from 114,200 in August, but remains below the year-ago total of 115,900. The largest change since last month was in local government, showing an increase in local education due to the start of the school year. The increased payroll in local education offset job losses in construction, trade, services, and finance, insurance and real estate.

The Shreveport labor market area had 12,600 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $476.63, down $18.05 from the August average, and up $6.21 from one year ago. Average weekly hours dropped slightly to 41.7, down from the August average of 42.1 and up from the year-ago average of 40.8 hours. Average hourly earnings of $11.43 show a decrease from $11.75 in August and were slightly less than last September's average of $11.53.

The civilian labor force for this area, estimated at 164,600, includes 149,300 employed and 15,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate for September was 9.3 percent.

Total unemployment for this area is expected to show only minor improvement through October, while total nonagricultural employment remains mostly unchanged. Manufacturing is expected to lose production workers within the next 30 to 60 days.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

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(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
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LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.2	56.0	5.2	8.6	61.0	55.6	5.4	8.9	61.5	56.6	4.9	8.0
Baton Rouge 2/	267.9	244.8	23.1	8.6	267.2	243.5	23.7	8.9	264.0	242.0	22.0	8.3
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.9	63.7	6.2	8.9	68.8	62.3	6.5	9.5	71.4	63.1	8.3	11.6
Lafayette 4/	99.0	90.4	8.6	8.7	98.2	89.4	8.8	8.9	99.3	89.3	10.0	10.1
Lake Charles 5/	74.3	66.7	7.6	10.2	74.9	66.9	8.0	10.7	75.6	66.9	8.7	11.5
Monroe 6/	69.0	62.7	6.3	9.1	68.7	62.3	6.4	9.3	68.6	62.8	5.8	8.5
New Orleans 7/	593.9	542.6	51.3	8.6	595.6	542.5	53.1	8.9	598.5	545.7	52.8	8.8
Shreveport 8/	165.5	150.1	15.4	9.3	165.1	149.6	15.5	9.4	167.3	152.0	15.3	9.2

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

CORRECTION:

The October, 1988 labor force figure for Louisiana was incorrectly reported as 1,903.3. The correct figure is 1,930.3.

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Lake Charles 5/	74.3	66.7	7.6	10.2	74.9	66.9	8.0	10.7	75.6	66.9	8.7	11.5
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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during October amounted to 1,513,200, an increase of 9,600 above the previous month and an increase of 11,300 above the comparable period a year ago. Much of the increase in nonmanufacturing industries for October occurred in the government segment. Manufacturing employment was up for the current month as a result of an increase in nondurable goods.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased from 74,700 in September to 74,500 in October. Compared to October 1987, durable goods employment has increased by 3,200 employees.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing for October amounted to 96,500, an increase of 1,000 above last month's level. The increase was centered in food and kindred products and was the result of a seasonal upturn in sugar cane processing.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during October was 1,342,200, an increase of 8,800 from the September figure of 1,333,400. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction payrolls fell by 100. Transportation and public utilities suffered a decrease in employment level largely due to a slowdown in the water transportation segment. Trade employment was up due largely to increased hiring at department stores and specialty shops in preparation for the holiday season. Increases in business services and educational services were significant in the upward movement for total services employment. Government employment increased primarily as the result of state and local educational institutions continuing their seasonal increase.

Average weekly earnings of the state's 125,400 production workers in manufacturing increased from $468.52 in September to $468.60 in October, a gain of eight cents and an increase of $10.07 from the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were five cents lower in October than last month but $0.16 higher than the year-ago figure. Average weekly hours for October were 42.6, an increase of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana during October was 183,400, a decrease of 5,000 below the September revised level of 188,400. The unemployment rate for October was 9.5 percent, compared to 9.8 percent for September and 9.8 percent for October 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for October was 5.0 percent, compared to 5.2 percent for September and 5.7 percent in October a year ago. Louisiana's civilian labor force moved from 1,925,200 in September to 1,930,300 in October, an increase of 5,100. Total employment moved from 1,736,800 in September to 1,746,900 in October, an increase of 10,100 workers.

The state's unemployment rate may show a decline in the coming months. Hiring for the holiday season is expected in the retail trade segment, and government may continue to gain employees over the next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Net Change from Sept. 1988	Net Change from October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,513.2	1,503.6	1,501.9	+ 9.6	+11.3
MINING	54.3	54.8	54.9	- 0.5	- 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.6	52.1	52.2	- 0.5	- 0.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	83.5	83.6	80.9	- 0.1	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	171.0	170.2	167.2	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
Durable Goods	74.5	74.7	71.3	- 0.2	+ 3.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	12.1	12.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.6	5.5	5.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.2	3.2	2.8	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	11.8	11.8	10.9	0	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.4	8.4	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.8	6.8	7.1	0	- 0.3
Transportation Equipment	22.6	22.7	21.1	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.6	2.6	2.3	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	96.5	95.5	95.9	+ 1.0	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	21.2	20.2	21.9	+ 1.0	- 0.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.7	9.5	9.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.2	11.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.3	10.2	- 0.1	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.0	26.0	25.4	0	+ 0.6
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.5	12.4	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.5	11.4	11.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.7	4.9	4.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.9	106.1	104.7	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.4	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.5	60.7	59.1	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Water Transportation	23.1	23.7	22.6	- 0.6	+ 0.5
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.2	40.2	40.2	0	0
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.2	18.1	18.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	22.1	22.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	367.6	364.4	366.2	+ 3.2	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	83.9	83.4	82.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.5	46.2	45.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.4	37.2	36.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	283.7	281.0	284.1	+ 2.7	- 0.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.2	58.3	59.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
Food Stores	56.7	56.4	57.4	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.1	31.2	31.1	- 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	85.6	84.9	85.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
Other Retail Trade	51.1	50.2	51.3	+ 0.9	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Net Change from Sept. 1988	Net Change from October 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.0	84.1	84.7	- 0.1	- 0.7
Banking	24.2	24.2	25.1	0	- 0.9
SERVICES	333.9	332.1	327.7	+ 1.8	+ 6.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.5	22.4	- 0.1	0
Personal Services	14.7	14.6	14.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Business Services	60.9	59.4	58.6	+ 1.5	+ 2.3
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.3	9.8	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.3	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.2	9.6	10.0	- 0.4	- 0.8
Health Services	103.8	103.9	102.2	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Legal Services	15.7	15.6	15.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Educational Services	27.7	26.9	24.6	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Social Services	18.6	18.7	18.6	- 0.1	0
Membership Organizations	25.2	25.2	26.0	0	- 0.8
Miscellaneous Services	14.8	14.9	14.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	313.0	308.3	315.6	+ 4.7	- 2.6
Federal	36.3	36.5	36.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
State and Local	276.7	271.8	279.4	+ 4.9	- 2.7
State	96.8	94.5	100.0	+ 2.3	- 3.2
Local	179.9	177.3	179.4	+ 2.6	+ 0.5

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$468.60	$468.52	$458.53	42.6	42.4	42.3	$11.00	$11.05	$10.84
Durable Goods	422.30	414.66	413.97	42.4	41.8	41.9	9.96	9.92	9.88
Lumber & Wood Products	351.53	353.13	362.56	42.2	42.7	44.0	8.33	8.27	8.24
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	388.24	366.12	391.73	42.2	40.5	43.0	9.20	9.04	9.11
Fabricated Metal Products	426.80	414.60	435.49	44.0	44.2	43.9	9.70	9.38	9.92
Machinery, ex. Electrical	383.26	389.67	405.24	41.3	41.9	44.0	9.28	9.30	9.21
Electric & Electronic Equip.	570.84	548.36	496.13	42.6	41.7	37.7	13.40	13.15	13.16
Transportation Equipment	456.79	440.36	432.12	42.1	40.4	39.9	10.85	10.90	10.83
Nondurable Goods	507.94	513.94	495.75	42.9	42.9	42.7	11.84	11.98	11.61
Food & Kindred Products	302.74	306.90	323.33	40.8	39.6	42.6	7.42	7.75	7.59
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	201.28	198.24	196.91	37.0	35.4	36.6	5.44	5.60	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	598.98	575.48	602.56	44.8	43.4	44.8	13.37	13.26	13.45
Printing & Publishing	399.25	403.13	390.56	38.5	38.8	38.9	10.37	10.39	10.04
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	722.50	739.47	702.85	45.1	47.1	44.4	16.02	15.70	15.83
Petroleum & Coal Products	759.23	781.74	699.98	48.7	50.5	45.9	15.59	15.48	15.25
Petroleum Refining	779.59	805.29	715.93	49.0	51.0	46.1	15.91	15.79	15.53
MINING	542.60	507.79	524.57	46.1	42.6	45.3	11.77	11.92	11.58
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	524.39	537.72	521.48	40.4	40.4	40.3	12.98	13.31	12.94
BANKING	274.17	270.84	260.22	37.1	36.6	38.1	7.39	7.40	6.83

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 125,400 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,300 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 10 88				REVISED 09 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,775	20,200	2,575	11.4	22,725	20,075	2,650	11.6
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,875	8,775	1,100	11.1	9,850	8,700	1,150	11.6
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,950	5,100	850	14.3	6,000	5,100	900	14.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,900	13,625	2,275	14.3	15,525	13,200	2,325	15.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,475	14,100	1,375	8.9	15,475	14,000	1,475	9.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,625	5,950	675	10.4	6,575	5,850	725	11.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,350	3,850	500	11.3	4,200	3,725	475	11.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,975	4,500	475	9.4	4,725	4,350	375	8.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,250	3,600	650	15.4	4,050	3,375	675	16.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,050	7,325	725	8.9	8,125	7,425	700	8.6
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,000	8,775	1,225	12.2	10,075	8,775	1,300	13.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,075	11,650	1,425	10.9	13,125	11,600	1,525	11.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,150	3,600	550	13.3	4,100	3,525	575	14.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	9,125	8,300	825	9.1	9,025	8,200	825	9.1
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,150	11,675	1,475	11.3	13,000	11,450	1,550	11.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,500	7,475	1,025	12.1	8,250	7,225	1,025	12.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	6,000	800	11.7	6,750	5,975	775	11.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,700	22,100	2,600	10.5	24,125	21,425	2,700	11.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,775	10,000	1,775	15.0	11,475	9,800	1,675	14.7
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,300	6,800	500	6.9	7,325	6,825	500	6.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,225	10,600	1,625	13.2	12,100	10,525	1,575	13.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,700	6,075	625	9.4	6,650	5,975	675	10.2
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,625	17,525	1,100	5.9	18,425	17,525	900	4.9
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,700	5,000	700	12.4	5,650	4,875	775	13.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,550	11,075	1,475	11.7	12,400	10,800	1,600	12.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,550	15,150	1,400	8.4	16,700	15,175	1,525	9.1
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,025	8,150	875	9.7	9,025	8,150	875	9.7
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,475	6,225	1,250	16.7	7,400	6,100	1,300	17.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,175	3,775	400	9.7	4,200	3,700	500	12.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,125	8,025	1,100	12.1	9,000	7,875	1,125	12.4
MANY (SABINE)	10,175	9,350	825	8.2	10,125	9,275	850	8.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,825	2,525	300	11.0	2,750	2,425	325	11.8
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,250	7,175	1,075	12.9	8,200	7,050	1,150	14.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,450	28,525	4,925	14.7	33,225	28,225	5,000	15.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,525	20,825	2,700	11.5	23,550	20,775	2,775	11.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,150	34,300	4,850	12.4	39,225	34,125	5,100	13.0
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,300	3,000	300	9.0	3,125	2,850	275	9.2
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,725	7,750	975	11.3	8,625	7,700	925	10.7
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,925	17,550	2,375	11.9	19,850	17,400	2,450	12.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,300	17,650	1,650	8.5	19,175	17,625	1,550	8.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,325	16,375	1,950	10.6	18,200	16,250	1,950	10.7
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,150	16,975	2,175	11.4	19,425	17,150	2,275	11.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,475	3,750	725	16.4	4,275	3,550	725	16.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,375	3,900	475	10.8	4,200	3,750	450	10.8
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,700	5,250	450	7.9	5,700	5,250	450	8.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Sept. 1988	October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.1	45.8	46.2	+ 0.3	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.1	10.9	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	8.9	8.7	0	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.1	2.0	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.7	11.6	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.3	12.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Federal	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.8	9.6	10.2	+ 0.2	- 0.4
State	4.6	4.6	4.9	0	- 0.3
Local	5.2	5.0	5.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria LMA was estimated at 46,100 during the month of October. This estimate was 300 more than last month and 100 less compared to October of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,300 for October. This estimate was unchanged compared to September, but an overall decrease of 100 from October of last year. The change was a result of a 200 decrease in durable goods and a 100 increase in nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,800 during October. This estimate was 300 more than September, and the same figure as last October. The increase from September was a result of an increase in government and services, due to the continuing increase of personnel in education.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed should remain fairly stable, with the number of unemployed rising slightly due to reductions anticipated in state government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Net Change From Sept. 1988	Net Change From October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	216.6	215.7	214.0	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	18.9	18.9	18.7	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.0	15.0	14.8	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.2	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.7	21.4	19.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.5	10.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	52.5	52.1	51.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade	11.5	11.6	11.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.9	7.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Retai~~l Trade~~	41.0	40.5	40.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.5	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	43.9	44.2	43.7	- 0.3	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	54.8	54.3	55.7	+ 0.5	- 0.9
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	52.6	52.1	53.5	+ 0.5	- 0.9
State	30.0	29.5	31.1	+ 0.5	- 1.1
Local	22.6	22.6	22.4	0	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$540.96	$561.51	$541.55	42.0	42.7	44.1	$12.88	$13.15	$12.28
Petro-Chemicals	702.41	727.30	713.48	45.2	45.8	46.3	15.54	15.88	15.41

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 216,600 during October, was up 900 from the September revised estimate and up 2,600 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,900, showed no change in the current period but was up 200 over last October. A drop in fabricated metal products was offset by an increase in other durable goods, resulting in no net change for the durable goods segment. Nondurable goods were up due to more business in chemical and petroleum products and in other nondurable goods.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 900 during the current period. Construction was up due to more business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings. Transportation and public utilities decreased due to less business in services incidental to water transportation. Wholesale trade was down due to less demand for metals and minerals. Retail trade was up due to a seasonal increase in department stores and more business in food stores and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate rose due to increased demand for accident and health insurance and medical service plans. Services decreased due to less business in personnel supply services, and seasonal declines in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services. Government was up due to a seasonal increase in state government education services.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,300 production workers in all manufacturing was $540.96, down $20.55 from the September revised average. Average weekly hours, at 42.0, were down 0.7 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.88, were down $0.27 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 244,800 during October, up 1,300 from the revised September estimate and up 3,900 from the year-ago total. Unemployment, at 23,100, was down 600 during the current period and up 1,100 from October of last year. The local unemployment rate for October was 8.6 percent, down from 8.9 percent for September revised and up from 8.5 percent for last October. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 267,900 during October, up 700 from the prior month, and 3,900 above the total for last October.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,477 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 528 applicants in jobs during October 1988.

The consumer price index for September 1988 for all urban consumers was 119.8 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 118.5 using base period 1982-84 = 100.

Employment is expected to show seasonal increases. Unemployment should show a small decline.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Sept. 1988	October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.0	53.1	53.0	+ 0.9	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	4.7	4.3	4.9	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.8	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.3	2.1	+ 0.4	- 0.4
MINING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.4	0	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	5.6	0	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.3	0	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.6	13.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.8	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.2	9.2	8.7	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.0	10.7	+ 0.6	- 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	9.5	10.3	+ 0.6	- 0.2
State	2.9	2.4	3.0	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Local	7.2	7.1	7.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA pushed up to 54,000, a level 900 above September. The gains were mostly in manufacturing and government. Since October 1987, total employment showed a gain of 1,000.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,700 in October, up 400 from the previous month. Durable goods remained unchanged. Seasonal gains in sugar processing caused an increase in nondurable goods.

Mining showed no change. Construction held steady. Transportation and public utilities remained at the same level. Wholesale trade exhibited a small seasonal downturn. Finance, insurance, and real estate displayed no significant change. An increase in business services was balanced by small decreases in other industries in the services division. State government was boosted by a return to normal levels of employment by state colleges. Local government edged up in employment by the public schools.

Estimated unemployment in October moved down to 6,200, a level 300 below September. Unemployment presently comprises 8.9 percent of the labor force, compared to 9.5 percent in September and 16.0 percent in October of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 693.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to display a small overall seasonal increase. Retail trade will benefit from shopping for the holiday season. Mining and construction will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1988	October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.2	83.2	82.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	6.1	5.9	5.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.6	4.4	4.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.4	1.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
MINING	10.5	10.6	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.4	3.2	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.2	23.1	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.3	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.8	17.8	16.9	0	+ 0.9
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.2	10.3	9.7	- 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	18.7	18.7	18.3	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.3	13.0	+ 0.6	- 0.1
Federal	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	12.1	11.5	12.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
State	5.2	4.8	5.2	+ 0.4	0
Local	6.9	6.7	6.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 84,200, an increase of 1,000 workers from the September 1988 revised estimate.

Manufacturing was up by 200 from last month due to seasonal growth in food and kindred products. Mining lost 100 workers since last month. Construction rose by 200 in October due to increases in heavy construction and special trade contracts. The durable goods sector of wholesale trade was largely responsible for the increase in total trade. Government rose by 600 in October with the fall semester in full operation. Other sectors showed no change from last month's estimates.

For the next thirty days, employment should increase due to seasonal hiring and the unemployment rate should remain fairly stable.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Net Change From Sept. 1988	Net Change From October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.2	58.7	57.9	- 0.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.0	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.5	8.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.8	7.7	7.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.9	0.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.0	4.1	3.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	14.2	14.4	- 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.1	11.3	11.6	- 0.2	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.2	2.1	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.7	3.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.6	11.3	0	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	10.1	10.2	9.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.5	9.6	9.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
State	3.1	3.2	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.5
Local	6.4	6.4	5.7	0	+ 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 58,200 for October 1988, a decrease of 500 from the previous month's revised estimate of 58,700.

Manufacturing employment increased by 100 workers since last month, with an increase in chemical and petroleum products. Mining showed a decrease of 100 workers since last month. Construction also showed a loss of 100. Wholesale and retail trade decreased by 200, with losses in eating and drinking places partially offset by a slight increase in general merchandise stores. Employment in government and in finance, insurance, and real estate showed decreases of 100. Other sectors showed little or no change from the previous month.

Over the next 30 days, employment should increase due to the holiday season. The unemployment rate should remain unchanged.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Sept. 1988	October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.4	54.2	54.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.4	7.1	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	13.8	14.3	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.7	3.8	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.3	10.1	10.5	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.6	4.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.9	12.0	11.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.1	10.9	10.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.5	10.3	10.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
State	5.0	4.9	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	5.5	5.4	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, estimated at 54,400 during mid-October, was 200 above the September estimate and 400 above the estimate one year ago.

Manufacturing was unchanged over the month and was 300 above the same period one year ago.

Wholesale and retail trade, estimated at 14,100, was 300 above the September estimate. Government was up by 200 workers. Construction, services, and finance, insurance and real estate each had nominal losses of 100 each. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Employment is expected to increase slightly as preparations for the holiday season get under way. Unemployment will remain high but should decline slightly over the next 60 days.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Net Change From Sept. 1988	Net Change From October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	510.8	509.8	510.7	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	43.1	42.9	42.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	22.1	22.1	20.6	0	+ 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	13.5	13.5	12.2	0	+ 1.3
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.9	9.9	8.5	0	+ 1.4
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.0	20.8	21.6	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	5.8	6.3	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.3	15.1	14.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.4	14.2	13.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
CONSTRUCTION	21.7	21.9	22.1	- 0.2	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.7	44.3	43.4	- 0.6	+ 0.3
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	12.9	13.4	12.5	- 0.5	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.1	131.5	135.0	+ 0.6	- 2.9
Wholesale Trade	31.9	31.8	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.2	18.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	13.5	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	100.2	99.7	103.5	+ 0.5	- 3.3
General Merchandise	14.0	13.8	13.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Food Stores	18.8	18.5	19.0	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	33.4	33.5	35.3	- 0.1	- 1.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.4	34.1	0	- 0.7
Banking	7.1	7.2	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	137.3	136.4	134.3	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12.9	12.8	12.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	36.6	36.4	36.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	84.2	84.3	85.0	- 0.1	- 0.8
Federal	15.7	15.8	15.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	68.5	68.5	69.1	0	- 0.6
State	18.6	18.6	18.8	0	- 0.2
Local	49.9	49.9	50.3	0	- 0.4

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$445.95	$435.38	$431.21	41.6	40.5	40.3	$10.72	$10.75	$10.70
Durable Goods	382.99	371.50	388.08	40.7	38.9	39.6	9.41	9.55	9.80
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	274.05	253.12	288.92	29.0	28.0	31.1	9.45	9.04	9.29
Fabricated Metal Products	365.40	363.91	396.40	40.6	36.5	40.0	9.00	9.97	9.91
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	373.75	353.02	365.93	41.9	39.4	38.6	8.92	8.96	9.48
Nondurable Goods	515.82	504.71	471.50	42.7	42.2	41.0	12.08	11.96	11.50
Food & Kindred Products	315.74	322.59	310.95	36.8	36.7	37.6	8.58	8.79	8.27
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	184.26	179.92	154.11	36.2	34.6	30.7	5.09	5.20	5.02
Paper & Allied Products	392.00	366.36	407.24	46.5	43.0	45.4	8.43	8.52	8.97
Printing & Publishing	381.28	373.18	366.11	39.8	39.2	40.1	9.58	9.52	9.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	765.12	793.36	741.14	45.3	49.4	44.3	16.89	16.06	16.73

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in October increased to 510,800, a level 1,000 above September. The largest increases were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 100 workers, with decreases in some industry divisions offset by larger increases in others.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100, up 200 over the previous month. Food and kindred products experienced gains in employment due to seasonal factors affecting sugar and seafood processing.

Mining edged up, with gains primarily in oil and gas extraction. Construction lost workers mostly in the building construction segment. Transportation and public utilities decreased with the majority of the decline attributed to the downturn in local port activity. Wholesale and retail trade showed normal seasonal gains. Finance, insurance and real estate held steady. Services showed significant gains in private educational services, business services and health services. Government showed a slight decrease in federal government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $445.95 per week in October, up $10.57 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.6, up one hour and six minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.72, down three cents from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $14.74 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in October moved down to 51,300, a level 1,800 below September. Seasonal factors were partly responsible for the decrease. Joblessness presently comprises 8.6 percent of the labor force, compared with 8.9 percent in September and 10.0 percent in October of last year. The October rate was lower than the state rate of 9.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 8,063.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small overall seasonal increase. Wholesale and retail trade will exhibit increases from holiday season shopping. Services will benefit from the opening of the racing season. Less favorably, construction and mining will display losses reflecting winter weather conditions. Unemployment will probably show a slight decrease.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	October 1988*	Sept. 1988**	October 1987**	Net Change From Sept. 1988	Net Change From October 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.8	132.4	133.9	+ 0.4	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	17.4	17.4	17.5	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	12.6	12.5	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.4	7.3	7.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.7	5.7	5.8	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.9	5.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	7.7	7.8	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.1	8.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.0	31.7	32.7	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.7	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	24.4	24.0	24.7	+ 0.4	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.9	6.9	7.2	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	32.7	32.9	32.4	- 0.2	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	25.1	24.7	25.1	+ 0.4	0
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
State and Local	20.4	20.0	20.4	+ 0.4	0
State	6.1	6.1	5.9	0	+ 0.2
Local	14.3	13.9	14.5	+ 0.4	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**	October '88*	Sept. '88**	October '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$481.22	$478.30	$465.94	41.2	41.7	40.8	$11.68	$11.47	$11.42
Lumber and Wood Products	274.88	308.39	290.33	33.4	38.5	39.5	8.23	8.01	7.35
Metals and Machinery	413.76	406.88	432.18	46.7	49.2	49.0	8.86	8.27	8.82
Food and Kindred Products	333.63	339.81	307.31	41.6	41.9	38.9	8.02	8.11	7.90
Printing and Publishing	345.80	353.79	349.80	36.4	36.7	36.4	9.50	9.64	9.61
Petroleum and Coal Products	560.41	586.71	520.31	46.2	47.7	44.7	12.13	12.30	11.64

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport LMA moved to 132,800, up from the revised September estimate of 132,400. Manufacturing employment was unchanged between September and October, while nonmanufacturing employment increased to 115,400, up 400 from the September total.

Total manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,400, remained the same as the revised September total and was 100 less than the October 1987 estimate.

Nonmanufacturing employment increased to 115,400, up from the revised September estimate of 115,000, while remaining below the year-ago estimate of 116,400. The only employment gains occurred in trade and government. Employment in trade reflects a gain of 300 over the September estimate, while government employment rose 400. Job losses occurred in construction and in services.

The Shreveport labor market area had 12,700 production workers in manufacturing, with weekly earnings averaging $481.22, up from $478.30 for September and $465.94 one year ago. Average weekly hours dropped to 41.2, down from 41.7 in September. Average hourly earnings of $11.68 moved up from $11.47 for the previous month and $11.42 one year ago.

The civilian labor force, estimated at 165,500, included 150,100 employed and 15,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate for October for this LMA was 9.3 percent.

Seasonal factors will affect employment during the last two months of the year. Retail trade employment should experience normal growth, while construction and lumber and wood products activities decrease. An expected layoff will result in employment losses in durable goods manufacturing.

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED OCTOBER 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,930.4	1,745.5	184.9	9.6	1,945.7	1,760.0	185.7	9.5	1,928.7	1,741.9	186.8	9.7
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.5	56.0	5.5	9.0	61.5	56.2	5.3	8.6	61.8	56.8	5.0	8.1
Baton Rouge 2/	266.0	242.6	23.4	8.8	267.3	243.9	23.4	8.7	263.9	242.2	21.7	8.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.9	63.7	6.2	8.9	70.3	64.0	6.3	9.0	70.9	62.9	8.0	11.3
Lafayette 4/	99.6	90.9	8.7	8.7	99.7	90.9	8.8	8.8	99.1	89.6	9.5	9.6
Lake Charles 5/	74.4	66.8	7.6	10.3	74.8	67.2	7.6	10.2	75.2	66.8	8.4	11.2
Monroe 6/	69.0	62.7	6.3	9.2	69.5	63.1	6.4	9.2	70.1	64.1	6.0	8.6
New Orleans 7/	602.3	550.8	51.5	8.6	605.1	552.8	52.3	8.6	598.1	547.2	50.9	8.5
Shreveport 8/	163.4	148.1	15.3	9.4	165.4	149.8	15.6	9.4	166.9	151.6	15.3	9.2

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana, estimated at 1,514,800 for November, increased by 1,500 workers from October's level and by 11,200 workers from the November a year ago figure. A seasonal increase for trade was mainly responsible for the growth in nonmanufacturing employment. Manufacturing employment was up as a result of higher employment in the nondurable goods segment.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 100 workers from the October level of 74,500. Production of communications equipment decreased in November, resulting in lower employment for the electrical and electronic equipment industry. An increase in transportation equipment was centered in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Nondurable goods employment, at 97,100, was 200 more than last month, and 1,200 above the November 1987 figure. A seasonal increase in sugarcane processing was mainly responsible for higher employment in the food and kindred products segment.

Nonmanufacturing employment for November was estimated at 1,343,300, an increase of 1,400 from October's revised level of 1,341,900. Mining employment dropped by 100 workers. All segments of construction contributed to the downturn in construction payrolls. Transportation and public utilities payrolls held steady at 105,600 for November. Seasonal increases in general merchandise and apparel and accessories stores accounted for much of the gain in trade employment. Finance, insurance and real estate employment, at 84,000, was unchanged from last month. More business in hotels and other lodging places and more demand for health services were significant in the increase of services employment during November. Payroll additions in local education were largely responsible for the upturn in government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 125,500 production workers in manufacturing increased from $467.99 in October to $479.14 in November, an increase of $11.15, and an increase of $28.22 above November of last year. Average hourly earnings were eight cents lower in November than last month and $0.38 higher than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 43.4 for the current month, up 0.7 hours from the October revised level of 42.7 hours.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during November amounted to 184,900, a decrease of 800 below the October revised level of 185,700. The unemployment rate for November was 9.6 percent, compared to 9.5 percent for October and 9.7 percent for November 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for November was 5.2 percent, compared to 5.0 percent in October and 5.6 percent for November of last year. The state's civilian labor force decreased from 1,945,700 in October to 1,930,400 in November, a loss of 15,300. Total employment, estimated at 1,745,500 for the current month, was down by 14,500 over last month's revised figure but was 3,600 above November of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate snould be lower next month. Retail trade employment should continue upward in response to holiday shopping. Construction and mining employment may fall as a result of winter weather. Manufacturing payrolls may be lower in December.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change from Oct. 1988	Net Change from Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,514.8	1,513.3	1,503.6	+ 1.5	+11.2
MINING	54.4	54.5	55.1	- 0.1	- 0.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.7	51.8	52.4	- 0.1	- 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	81.4	83.9	80.2	- 2.5	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	171.5	171.4	167.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Durable Goods	74.4	74.5	72.0	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.0	12.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.2	3.2	2.8	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	11.9	11.8	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.3	8.5	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.8	7.2	- 0.4	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	22.9	22.6	21.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.7	2.6	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	97.1	96.9	95.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Food & Kindred Products	21.8	21.5	21.8	+ 0.3	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.6	9.7	9.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.3	11.8	0	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.1	26.0	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.4	12.5	12.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.5	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.7	4.7	5.0	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	105.6	105.6	104.4	0	+ 1.2
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.2	60.2	59.2	0	+ 1.0
Water Transportation	22.9	23.1	22.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.2	40.2	40.0	0	+ 0.2
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.2	18.2	17.9	0	+ 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	22.0	22.1	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	371.0	368.0	367.5	+ 3.0	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade	83.7	83.9	82.3	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.3	46.4	45.3	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.4	37.5	37.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	287.3	284.1	285.2	+ 3.2	+ 2.1
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	61.7	59.2	60.5	+ 2.5	+ 1.2
Food Stores	57.1	57.1	57.5	0	- 0.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.3	31.2	30.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	85.7	85.5	85.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Other Retail Trade	51.5	51.1	51.7	+ 0.4	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change from Oct 1988	Net Change from Nov. 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.0	84.0	84.3	0	- 0.3
Banking	24.3	24.2	25.0	+ 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	334.0	333.6	328.2	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.8	22.4	22.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Personal Services	14.6	14.7	14.1	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Business Services	60.7	60.9	58.3	- 0.2	+ 2.4
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.4	9.5	9.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.4	9.2	9.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Health Services	103.8	103.5	102.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Legal Services	15.7	15.7	15.4	0	+ 0.3
Educational Services	27.9	27.7	25.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.5
Social Services	18.7	18.6	18.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.0	25.1	26.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Miscellaneous Services	15.0	14.9	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	312.9	312.3	316.0	+ 0.6	- 3.1
Federal	36.0	36.0	36.3	0	- 0.3
State and Local	276.9	276.3	279.7	+ 0.6	- 2.8
State	96.8	96.8	100.0	0	- 3.2
Local	180.1	179.5	179.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.4

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$479.14	$467.99	$450.92	43.4	42.7	42.3	$11.04	$10.96	$10.66
Durable Goods	430.42	422.73	407.53	42.7	42.4	41.5	10.08	9.97	9.82
Lumber & Wood Products	362.88	349.44	345.14	43.2	42.0	42.4	8.40	8.32	8.14
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	362.20	383.64	371.78	40.2	41.7	40.9	9.01	9.20	9.09
Fabricated Metal Products	419.78	425.04	428.56	43.5	44.0	44.0	9.65	9.66	9.74
Machinery, ex. Electrical	386.04	393.96	396.72	41.2	42.0	43.5	9.37	9.38	9.12
Electric & Electronic Equip.	598.49	570.84	505.34	43.4	42.6	38.4	13.79	13.40	13.16
Transportation Equipment	481.00	456.79	432.15	43.1	42.1	40.2	11.16	10.85	10.75
Nondurable Goods	519.20	506.11	486.76	44.0	43.0	43.0	11.80	11.77	11.32
Food & Kindred Products	324.28	307.42	318.56	44.0	41.6	44.0	7.37	7.39	7.24
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	214.48	201.28	197.55	37.3	37.0	37.7	5.75	5.44	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	583.14	568.96	582.34	43.1	43.3	42.6	13.53	13.14	13.67
Printing & Publishing	392.09	399.12	388.85	37.2	38.6	39.8	10.54	10.34	9.77
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	727.55	728.69	696.19	46.4	45.6	44.8	15.68	15.98	15.54
Petroleum & Coal Products	811.57	757.95	692.18	51.3	48.9	45.3	15.82	15.50	15.28
Petroleum Refining	835.07	778.34	702.15	51.9	49.2	45.3	16.09	15.82	15.50
MINING	543.81	538.99	528.96	46.4	45.6	45.6	11.72	11.82	11.60
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	511.56	524.07	530.24	39.2	40.5	40.2	13.05	12.94	13.19
BANKING	272.32	273.38	260.74	37.0	37.5	38.4	7.36	7.29	6.79

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 88,500 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 125,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 11 88				REVISED 10 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,675	20,175	2,500	11.0	22,975	20,350	2,625	11.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,875	8,725	1,150	11.6	9,875	8,775	1,100	11.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,925	5,100	825	13.8	5,975	5,125	850	14.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,525	13,350	2,175	14.0	15,825	13,600	2,225	14.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	15,125	13,700	1,425	9.4	15,450	14,075	1,375	8.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,625	5,950	675	10.0	6,650	5,975	675	10.3
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,325	3,800	525	11.9	4,375	3,875	500	11.3
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,600	4,075	525	11.3	4,950	4,475	475	9.5
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,950	3,325	625	15.9	4,275	3,625	650	15.4
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,075	7,350	725	8.8	8,125	7,400	725	9.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,875	8,575	1,300	13.1	10,075	8,850	1,225	12.2
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,125	11,675	1,450	11.0	13,175	11,750	1,425	10.9
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,125	3,450	675	16.2	4,175	3,625	550	13.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	9,100	8,200	900	9.9	9,175	8,350	825	9.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,050	11,550	1,500	11.5	13,250	11,775	1,475	11.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,375	7,250	1,125	13.5	8,550	7,525	1,025	12.1
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,700	5,925	775	11.7	6,800	6,000	800	11.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,650	22,100	2,550	10.3	24,875	22,250	2,625	10.6
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,550	9,900	1,650	14.3	11,850	10,050	1,800	15.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,275	6,675	600	8.1	7,300	6,800	500	7.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,925	10,275	1,650	13.8	12,300	10,675	1,625	13.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,675	6,025	650	9.8	6,725	6,100	625	9.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,350	17,450	900	4.9	18,575	17,625	950	5.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,575	4,850	725	12.8	5,700	5,000	700	12.4
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,425	10,925	1,500	12.0	12,675	11,175	1,500	11.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,400	14,900	1,500	9.1	16,700	15,275	1,425	8.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,075	8,175	900	10.0	9,075	8,200	875	9.8
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,375	6,125	1,250	17.0	7,550	6,275	1,275	16.9
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,125	3,725	400	9.8	4,225	3,800	425	9.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,950	7,825	1,125	12.4	9,200	8,075	1,125	12.2
MANY (SABINE)	10,125	9,300	825	8.0	10,200	9,350	850	8.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,800	2,475	325	11.6	2,850	2,550	300	11.0
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,050	7,000	1,050	12.9	8,250	7,200	1,050	12.9
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,350	28,500	4,850	14.6	33,700	28,725	4,975	14.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,650	20,925	2,725	11.5	23,650	20,925	2,725	11.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,125	34,225	4,900	12.5	39,450	34,525	4,925	12.5
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,100	2,750	350	10.9	3,325	3,025	300	8.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,475	975	11.5	8,775	7,800	975	11.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,775	17,375	2,400	12.2	20,100	17,675	2,425	12.0
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,950	17,300	1,650	8.7	19,275	17,625	1,650	8.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,975	16,025	1,950	10.9	18,325	16,350	1,975	10.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,925	16,700	2,225	11.7	19,150	16,950	2,200	11.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,550	3,600	950	21.0	4,525	3,775	750	16.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,325	3,875	450	10.2	4,375	3,900	475	10.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,750	5,250	500	8.7	5,725	5,275	450	8.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.2	46.1	46.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.4	2.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.3	11.1	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	9.1	8.9	9.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
General Merchandise	2.2	2.1	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.0	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.6	13.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.9	9.8	10.3	+ 0.1	- 0.4
State	4.6	4.6	4.9	0	- 0.3
Local	5.3	5.2	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria LMA was estimated at 46,200 during the month of November. This estimate was an increase of 100 over October and 100 less than November of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was unchanged from the previous month but declined by 100 from November 1987. The decline from last year resulted from a decrease of 200 in durable goods combined with an increase of 100 in nondurable goods.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing was 42,900 for November. Compared to last month, November increased by 100 in local government and 200 in retail trade while declining by 200 in construction for an overall increase of 100. The overall November estimate in nonmanufacturing was unchanged compared to the same period a year ago.

During the next thirty days, the number of employed should remain fairly stable. Although a seasonal increase can be expected in retail trade, the increase could be offset by outdoor related employment being hampered by inclement weather. The number of unemployed should increase slightly due to continued reductions anticipated in state government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	216.5	216.2	214.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	19.0	18.8	18.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.1	14.9	14.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	1.9	2.0	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.1	21.1	20.3	0	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.3	10.4	10.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.1	52.7	51.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	11.7	11.7	11.4	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.4	41.0	40.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.6	13.5	- 0.1	0
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	43.9	44.0	43.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	54.8	54.8	55.7	0	- 0.9
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
State and Local	52.6	52.6	53.5	0	- 0.9
State	30.0	29.9	31.0	+ 0.1	- 1.0
Local	22.6	22.7	22.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$541.58	$544.35	$528.53	43.5	42.1	43.5	$12.45	$12.93	$12.15
Petro-Chemicals	708.53	711.17	699.52	45.8	45.5	45.9	15.47	15.63	15.24

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 216,500 during November, was up 300 from the October revised estimate and up 2,000 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000, was up 200 during the current period and up 300 over last November. Durable goods showed no change during the current period. Nondurable goods employment was up due to a seasonal increase in sugar and confectionary products, more business in miscellaneous apparel and accessories, and more business in paper mills, except building paper mills.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 100 during the current period. Employment in transportation and public utilities was down due to declines in sewerage systems and in local and suburban passenger transportation. Retail trade was up due to more business in lumber and other building materials dealers, in variety stores, and in grocery stores. Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to less business in fire, marine, and casualty insurance. Services was down due to less demand in nursing and personal care facilities and in hospitals. A small increase in state government was offset by a decline in local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,600 production workers in all manufacturing was $541.58, down $2.77 from the October revised average. Average weekly hours, at 43.5, were up 1.4 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.45, were down $0.48 per hour. More overtime by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 242,600 during November, down 1,300 from the revised October estimate and up 400 over the year ago total. Unemployment, at 23,400, had no change during the current period and was up 1,700 from November of last year. The local unemployment rate for November was 8.8 percent, compared to 8.7 percent for October and 8.2 percent for last November. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 266,000 during November, down 1,300 from the prior month and up 2,100 over the total for last November.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,904 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 718 applicants in jobs during November.

The consumer price index for October, 1988 for all urban consumers was 120.2 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 118.9 using base period 1982-84 = 100.

Employment is expected to continue seasonal gains during the coming months, while the unemployment rate will remain steady.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.8	53.7	52.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.8	2.9	2.8	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
MINING	5.8	5.8	5.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.4	0	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	5.7	0	+ 0.5
Water Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.4	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.5	13.6	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	10.8	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.2	9.1	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.7	0	- 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.1	10.3	0	- 0.2
State	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Local	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in November edged up to 53,800, a level 100 above October. Changes were minor and mostly seasonal. Since November 1987, total employment showed a gain of 1,100.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500 in November, down 100 from the previous month. The durable goods segment lost 100 due to less business. Nondurable goods remained at the same level as the previous month.

Mining held steady. Construction showed no change. Transportation and public utilities remained unchanged. Wholesale trade added workers in the nondurable goods sector. Retail trade exhibited no overall change as seasonal decreases in some segments offset seasonal increases in others. Finance, insurance and real estate displayed no significant change in any industry. Services showed an overall gain of 100 spread through several industries. Government stayed at the same level in each major sector.

Estimated unemployment in November moved down to 6,200, a level 100 below October. Unemployment presently comprises 8.9 percent of the labor force, compared to 9.0 percent in October and 11.3 percent in November of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 786.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will likely move up in December as shopping for the holiday season nears its peak, then will move back down to normal levels in January. Mining and construction will be hindered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment is predicted to show a small decrease as employment seasonally increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.8	84.0	82.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
MANUFACTURING	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0
Durable Goods	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.6	4.7	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	10.8	10.5	10.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.4	3.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	5.9	5.6	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.6	23.2	22.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Retail Trade	18.2	17.8	17.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	3.1	2.9	2.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Food Stores	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.4	10.2	9.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	18.4	18.5	18.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	12.9	0	0
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.1	12.1	12.0	0	+ 0.1
State	5.1	5.2	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	7.0	6.9	6.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 84,800, an increase of 800 workers from the October 1988 estimate. Compared to a year ago, employment in this LMA has increased by 2,200.

Mining was estimated at 10,800 workers, an increase of 300 from the prior month and 400 above the November 1987 estimate. Construction rose by 200 for the second month in a row. The increase was centered in heavy construction and in special trade contractors. Wholesale and retail trade showed an overall increase of 400 due to hiring for the holiday season. Services showed a minimal decrease of 100.

All other segments showed little or no change from the previous month.

The unemployment rate for the next thirty days may increase due to lower employment in mining. Employment will remain close to the current level.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From	
				Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.3	58.3	57.8	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	10.9	11.0	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.8	7.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.8	0.9	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.0	4.1	3.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	4.0	3.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	14.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.2	11.1	11.7	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.2	2.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.2	10.1	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.6	9.5	9.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	3.1	3.1	3.6	0	- 0.5
Local	6.5	6.4	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA for November 1988 was estimated at 58,300, unchanged from the previous month, but 500 above the November 1987 estimate.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 in November due to a loss of workers in the chemical and petroleum products industry. Mining increased by 100 since last month, but shows no increase from November of last year. Construction showed a loss of 100 workers due to inclement weather. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 100 due to seasonal hiring. Government also showed an increase of 100.

The outlook for the next thirty days is for continued growth in employment in trade, with no change in the unemployment rate.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.2	54.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.3	7.3	7.0	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.1	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.0	3.9	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	0.4	0.3	0.4	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.1	14.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.5	10.3	11.0	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.8	11.8	11.6	0	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.1	10.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.7	10.5	10.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
State	5.1	5.0	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	5.6	5.5	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe LMA during mid-November was estimated at 54,700. This was a gain of 500 workers over the month of October.

Manufacturing remained stable at 7,300 workers. Minimal gains in nondurable goods were offset by minimal losses in durable goods.

Mining was up by 100 to an estimated 400 workers. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 100. Wholesale trade was down, while retail trade reflected the beginning of the holiday season. Government was up by 200 as student programs were put in place. All other segments remained unchanged.

Employment should remain relatively stable as increases in employment in trade offset losses in segments affected by weather conditions. Unemployment will remain high with only slight decreases.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	518.3	518.1	511.2	+ 0.2	+ 7.1
MANUFACTURING	43.1	43.0	42.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	22.2	22.1	20.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	13.7	13.5	12.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.1	9.9	8.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.9	21.7	0	- 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	5.9	6.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.7	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.5	15.3	14.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.6	14.4	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	25.2	21.8	- 1.8	+ 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.7	44.5	43.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.2	13.1	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.2	132.9	135.2	+ 1.3	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	32.2	32.1	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.7	18.5	18.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.5	13.6	13.5	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	102.0	100.8	103.7	+ 1.2	- 1.7
General Merchandise	14.2	14.0	13.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Food Stores	19.2	18.8	19.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	34.1	33.9	35.3	+ 0.2	- 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.3	33.5	34.1	- 0.2	- 0.8
Banking	7.3	7.2	7.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	138.0	137.9	134.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.2	13.1	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Health Services	37.0	37.1	36.0	- 0.1	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	86.1	85.8	85.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Federal	16.0	15.9	16.0	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	70.1	69.9	69.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
State	18.6	18.7	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Local	51.5	51.2	50.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.4

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.76	440.26	427.35	41.1	41.3	40.7	$10.87	$10.66	$10.50
Durable Goods	381.74	382.58	383.11	39.6	40.7	39.7	9.64	9.40	9.65
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	244.08	274.05	296.56	27.0	29.0	32.2	9.04	9.45	9.21
Fabricated Metal Products	415.20	365.40	380.09	40.0	40.6	38.2	10.38	9.00	9.95
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	371.68	373.75	360.99	40.4	41.9	38.9	9.20	8.92	9.28
Nondurable Goods	517.45	502.74	469.54	42.8	42.0	41.7	12.09	11.97	11.26
Food & Kindred Products	318.75	315.74	334.23	37.5	36.8	39.0	8.50	8.58	8.57
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	182.38	184.26	156.50	33.1	36.2	31.3	5.51	5.09	5.00
Paper & Allied Products	399.36	392.00	422.26	47.6	46.5	45.6	8.39	8.43	9.26
Printing & Publishing	374.36	379.53	365.45	37.7	39.7	42.2	9.93	9.56	8.66
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	766.18	763.04	734.57	47.5	45.5	45.4	16.13	16.77	16.18

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in November increased to 518,300, a level 200 above October. Gains in some industry divisions were offset slightly by losses in others. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 7,100 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except finance, insurance and real estate, and retail trade.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100, up 100 over the previous month. A loss of 100 in fabricated metal products was offset by an increase of 200 in ship and boat building and repairing due to an increase in business. Food and kindred products added 100 due to seasonal increases, but this gain was offset by a loss of 100 in the apparel and other textile products segment of nondurable goods.

Mining moved up with principal gains in the oil and gas extraction segment. Construction experienced a marked decrease resulting from the completion of large projects combined with a normal seasonal downturn. Transportation and public utilities added workers mostly in the utilities segment. Wholesale and retail trade exhibited significant seasonal increases. Finance, insurance and real estate adjusted downward. Services continued its upward trend, remaining the focus of growth of employment in this area and comprising better than twenty-five percent of this LMA's total nonagricultural employment. Government showed an increase due to hiring in the federal and local government segments.

Production workers in the New Orleans LMA earned an average of $446.76 per week in November, up $6.50 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.1, down 0.2 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.87, up $0.21 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $19.41 in manufacturing

Estimated unemployment in November moved down to 51,500, a level 800 below October. Seasonal factors were partly responsible for the decrease. Joblessness presently comprises 8.6 percent of the labor force compared with 8.6 percent in October and 8.5 percent in November of last year. The November rate was lower than the state rate of 9.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 7,875.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall increase. Wholesale and retail trade will increase with holiday season shopping. Amusement services will benefit from the opening of the racing season and interest in other sports and cultural activities. Unemployment will probably decrease slightly as employment increases.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1988*	Oct. 1988**	Nov. 1987**	Net Change From Oct. 1988	Net Change From Nov. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.2	132.5	134.2	- 0.3	- 2.0
MANUFACTURING	17.0	17.3	17.5	- 0.3	- 0.5
Durable Goods	12.1	12.5	12.6	- 0.4	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	6.9	7.3	7.3	- 0.4	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.6	5.8	- 0.4	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
MINING	2.9	2.9	3.2	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	7.7	7.7	7.5	0	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.3	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.0	31.8	32.7	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.6	7.9	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	24.4	24.2	24.8	+ 0.2	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.9	6.9	7.2	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	32.3	32.8	32.5	- 0.5	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.1	25.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
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SHREVEPORT AREA
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All MANUFACTURING	$509.22	$479.64	$454.25	42.4	41.1	39.5	$12.01	$11.67	$11.50
Lumber and Wood Products	319.02	274.88	218.42	37.4	33.4	33.5	8.53	8.23	6.52
Metals and Machinery	463.86	466.40	484.86	42.4	42.4	41.3	10.94	11.00	11.74
Food and Kindred Products	343.12	333.63	316.71	42.1	41.6	40.5	8.15	8.02	7.82
Printing and Publishing	280.44	345.80	336.78	32.8	36.4	35.6	8.55	9.50	9.46
Petroleum and Coal Products	574.98	560.41	538.87	44.4	46.2	42.7	12.95	12.13	12.62

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NEW ORLEANS AREA

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SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural employment total in the Shreveport LMA decreased to 132,200, a drop from 132,500 in October and from 134,200 one year ago. Job losses from October to November occurred in durable goods manufacturing. Total nonmanufacturing employment was unchanged.

The total manufacturing employment estimate of 17,000 compares to 17,300 in October and 17,500 one year ago. Reduced production of communications equipment caused a job loss of 400 in durable goods manufacturing during the past month. There was a small gain in other nondurable goods employment, resulting from increased production of chemicals and allied products.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the area was unchanged. The employment growth in retail trade and government was eliminated by an equal job loss in services caused by a seasonal cutback in amusement and recreation services.

An estimate of 12,400 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $509.22, up $29.58 from the October weekly average and up $54.97 from November, 1987. Average weekly hours increased to 42.4, an increase of 1.3 hours from last month and up 2.5 hours more than one year ago. Average hourly earnings of $12.01 are $0.34 more than the previous month and up $0.51 from the year ago average.

The civilian labor force was estimated at 163,400, including 148,100 employed and 15,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the Shreveport area was 9.4 percent in November, compared to 9.4 percent for October revised and 9.2 percent for November 1987.

Employment changes during the next sixty days are expected to be seasonal. Retail trade will cut back on the number of temporary and part-time employees, while adverse weather conditions will affect construction and other outdoor activities. Total unemployment will remain high and will likely rise above the 16,000 level.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1988

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,850	1,578	272	41	41	0	23	19	4
Contract Construction (15-17)	7,724	5,291	2,433	190	147	43	1,499	1,066	433
Manufacturing (20-29)	3,694	1,885	1,809	93	37	56	199	115	84
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,737	979	758	42	23	19	204	100	104
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,103	780	323	39	32	7	135	93	42
Retail Trade (52-59)	4,920	2,853	2,067	184	117	67	583	287	296
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,327	1,040	287	22	18	4	224	168	56
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	7,362	4,089	3,273	240	159	81	951	570	381
Public Administration (91-97)	1,468	768	700	71	45	26	251	114	137
All Others	123	60	63	0	0	0	29	9	20
Totals	31,308	19,323	11,985	922	619	303	4,098	2,541	1,557
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,175	3,311	864	120	103	17	610	487	123
Clerical and Sales	7,158	5,110	2,048	237	172	65	969	640	329
Services Occupations	3,845	1,221	2,624	166	61	105	427	112	315
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	489	189	300	20	13	7	15	8	7
Processing Occupations	587	301	286	6	2	4	63	35	28
Machine Trades	1,417	970	447	53	49	4	168	109	59
Benchwork Occupations	930	442	488	17	9	8	62	36	26
Structural Work Occupations	7,763	5,070	2,693	202	149	53	1,382	910	472
Miscellaneous Occupations	4,944	2,709	2,235	101	61	40	402	204	198
Totals	31,308	19,323	11,985	922	619	303	4,098	2,541	1,557

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1988

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	132	109	23	327	266	61	44	43	1
Contract Construction (15-19)	184	155	29	218	155	63	401	328	73
Manufacturing (20-29)	171	135	36	157	102	55	102	62	40
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	94	73	21	52	38	14	44	40	4
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	42	40	2	63	55	8	20	12	8
Retail Trade (52-59)	135	101	34	295	187	108	212	138	74
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	29	26	3	91	80	11	51	48	3
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	163	114	49	346	212	134	296	196	100
Public Administration (91-97)	36	22	14	42	21	21	49	30	19
All Others	0	0	0	4	2	2	1	0	1
Totals	986	775	211	1,595	1,118	477	1,220	897	323
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	106	99	7	256	218	38	158	138	20
Clerical and Sales	178	151	27	420	359	61	286	237	49
Services Occupations	105	65	40	215	70	145	152	57	95
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	12	8	4	17	10	7	30	6	24
Processing Occupations	75	56	19	72	38	34	26	22	4
Machine Trades	51	42	9	70	56	14	40	33	7
Benchwork Occupations	7	4	3	31	15	16	16	14	2
Structural Work Occupations	253	205	48	290	192	98	368	288	80
Miscellaneous Occupations	199	145	54	224	160	64	144	102	42
Totals	986	775	211	1,595	1,118	477	1,220	897	323

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1968

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	37	35	2	99	61	38	89	86	3
Contract Construction (15-17)	281	214	67	1,292	781	511	546	324	222
Manufacturing (20-29)	84	40	44	779	385	394	375	163	212
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	28	17	11	752	345	407	113	59	54
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	23	14	9	355	220	135	146	100	46
Retail Trade (52-59)	254	161	93	1,470	713	757	552	294	258
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	36	31	5	472	333	139	187	153	34
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	297	180	117	2,450	1,165	1,285	659	319	340
Public Administration (91-97)	48	21	27	352	141	211	109	60	49
All Others	2	2	0	49	28	21	3	1	2
Totals	1,090	715	375	8,070	4,172	3,898	2,779	1,559	1,220
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	141	123	18	1,448	1,055	393	374	308	66
Clerical and Sales	318	245	73	2,189	1,321	868	736	546	190
Services Occupations	139	25	114	1,199	309	890	395	68	327
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	8	1	7	78	28	50	39	12	27
Processing Occupations	8	3	5	103	30	73	28	11	17
Machine Trades	52	40	12	314	206	108	159	70	89
Benchwork Occupations	19	11	8	189	65	124	97	42	55
Structural Work Occupations	210	163	47	1,369	747	622	552	326	226
Miscellaneous Occupations	195	104	91	1,181	411	770	399	176	223
Totals	1,090	715	375	8,070	4,172	3,898	2,779	1,559	1,220

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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED DECEMBER 1987 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,922.6	1,730.2	192.4	10.0	1,930.6	1,744.2	186.4	9.7	1,922.4	1,760.1	162.3	8.5
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.3	55.5	5.8	9.5	61.7	56.1	5.6	9.0	61.5	56.5	5.0	8.1
Baton Rouge 2/	264.8	241.2	23.6	8.9	266.2	242.6	23.6	8.9	264.6	243.2	21.4	8.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.6	62.8	6.8	9.8	69.6	63.3	6.3	9.0	70.6	62.9	7.7	10.9
Lafayette 4/	98.5	89.9	8.6	8.7	99.3	90.5	8.8	8.8	99.0	90.0	9.0	9.1
Lake Charles 5/	74.5	66.8	7.7	10.4	74.5	66.9	7.6	10.2	75.2	67.3	7.9	10.5
Monroe 6/	68.8	62.3	6.5	9.5	69.1	62.7	6.4	9.2	69.9	64.1	5.8	8.3
New Orleans 7/	599.0	546.9	52.1	8.7	602.3	550.2	52.1	8.7	596.0	547.5	48.5	8.1
Shreveport 8/	161.9	145.8	16.1	10.0	163.8	148.4	15.4	9.4	166.0	150.8	15.2	9.1

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,516,800 for December, an increase of 800 from the November revised level and 12,500 above the December 1987 figure. Seasonal gains in trade employment were largely responsible for the increase in nonmanufacturing. Manufacturing employment was higher for the current month as a result of an upturn in durable goods.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 74,800 for December, was 400 higher than the November figure and 2,400 higher than the year-ago figure. Transportation equipment payrolls were up primarily as a result of more business for the ship and boat building and repairing firms.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing for December amounted to 97,000, a decrease of 200 from last month's level but an increase of 1,600 above December 1987. This month's decrease of nondurable goods employment was a seasonal downturn in food and kindred products due to decreased activity in vegetable canning.

Nonmanufacturing employment for December, at 1,345,000, was up by 600 over November's level. Decreased activity in the production of crude petroleum and natural gas was responsible for the lower employment level in mining. Employment in construction was down as a result of less business throughout most of the construction industry. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment due to more business at the state's ports. Trade employment rose due to seasonal hiring by retail establishments. An increase in banking was instrumental in the higher level of employment in finance, insurance and real estate. Miscellaneous amusement and recreation services were among the segments contributing to the downward movement of services employment in December. Government employment was higher as a result of an increase in federal government, except defense, payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 125,700 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $476.06 in November to $461.67 in December, a decrease of $14.39, but an increase of $1.36 over the year-ago figure. Average hourly earnings were eight cents lower in December than last month and $0.16 higher than the December 1987 figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.2 for the current month, down 1.0 hours from the November revised level of 43.2 hours.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during December amounted to 192,400, an increase of 6,000 above the November revised level of 186,400. The unemployment rate for December was 10.0 percent, compared to 9.7 percent for November and 9.5 percent for December 1987. The comparable national unemployment rate for December was 5.0 percent, compared to 5.2 percent in November and 5.4 percent for December of last year. The state's civilian labor force decreased from 1,930,600 in November to 1,922,600 in December, a loss of 8,000. Total employment, estimated at 1,730,200 for the current month, was down by 14,000 from last month's revised figure and 9,900 below December of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate is expected to increase over the next 30 days. Retail trade will adjust downward as a result of the close of the holiday season. Manufacturing employment may decrease in the upcoming months.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change from Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,516.8	1,516.0	1,504.3	+ 0.8	+12.5
MINING	54.1	54.4	55.3	- 0.3	- 1.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.4	51.7	52.6	- 0.3	- 1.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	80.2	81.9	80.4	- 1.7	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	171.8	171.6	167.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.0
Durable Goods	74.8	74.4	72.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	11.9	12.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	11.7	11.9	11.0	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.1	8.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.4	7.2	0	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	23.3	22.9	21.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	97.0	97.2	95.4	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	21.6	21.8	21.1	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.5	9.6	9.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.3	12.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.2	26.1	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.4	12.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.4	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	106.0	105.7	103.6	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	60.8	60.3	58.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Water Transportation	23.5	23.0	22.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.0	40.2	40.0	- 0.2	0
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.2	17.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	22.0	22.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	374.7	371.6	371.7	+ 3.1	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade	83.8	83.8	82.9	0	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.3	46.4	45.6	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.5	37.4	37.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	290.9	287.8	288.8	+ 3.1	+ 2.1
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	65.2	62.0	63.1	+ 3.2	+ 2.1
Food Stores	57.5	57.3	57.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.0	31.3	30.5	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	85.1	85.6	84.9	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	52.1	51.6	52.9	+ 0.5	- 0.8

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change from Nov. 1988	Net Change from Dec. 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.3	84.0	84.5	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Banking	24.8	24.3	24.9	+ 0.5	- 0.1
SERVICES	332.4	333.9	325.8	- 1.5	+ 6.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.3	22.7	22.7	- 0.4	- 0.4
Personal Services	14.6	14.6	14.0	0	+ 0.6
Business Services	60.8	60.9	57.8	- 0.1	+ 3.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.3	9.3	9.7	0	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.0	5.0	5.6	0	- 0.6
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.6	9.5	8.8	- 0.9	- 0.2
Health Services	103.6	103.8	102.4	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Legal Services	15.7	15.6	15.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Educational Services	28.0	27.9	24.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.6
Social Services	18.6	18.7	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Membership Organizations	24.8	25.0	25.8	- 0.2	- 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	15.0	15.0	14.5	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	313.3	312.9	315.2	+ 0.4	- 1.9
Federal	36.4	36.1	36.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
State and Local	276.9	276.8	279.0	+ 0.1	- 2.1
State	96.9	96.9	99.5	0	- 2.6
Local	180.0	179.9	179.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$461.67	$476.06	$460.31	42.2	43.2	42.7	$10.94	$11.02	$10.78
Durable Goods	411.16	428.24	416.63	41.7	42.4	42.6	9.86	10.10	9.78
Lumber & Wood Products	362.49	359.93	358.46	43.0	42.9	44.2	8.43	8.39	8.11
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	354.63	361.40	369.33	38.8	40.2	40.9	9.14	8.99	9.03
Fabricated Metal Products	452.52	421.18	450.74	46.7	43.6	45.3	9.69	9.66	9.95
Machinery, ex. Electrical	385.28	386.98	403.20	40.9	41.3	44.9	9.42	9.37	8.98
Electric & Electronic Equip.	568.16	590.98	495.11	42.4	43.2	38.5	13.40	13.68	12.86
Transportation Equipment	415.16	477.85	444.64	38.8	42.4	41.4	10.70	11.27	10.74
Nondurable Goods	504.71	514.65	496.91	42.7	43.8	42.8	11.82	11.75	11.61
Food & Kindred Products	318.28	320.18	314.84	42.1	43.8	41.7	7.56	7.31	7.55
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	206.22	211.27	201.85	34.6	37.0	37.8	5.96	5.71	5.34
Paper & Allied Products	575.97	584.55	588.99	43.7	43.3	43.5	13.18	13.50	13.54
Printing & Publishing	404.04	391.65	394.11	39.0	37.3	38.6	10.36	10.50	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	712.35	718.79	707.38	45.2	45.9	45.2	15.76	15.66	15.65
Petroleum & Coal Products	735.17	805.29	714.98	47.4	51.0	46.7	15.51	15.79	15.31
Petroleum Refining	744.98	827.09	726.03	47.3	51.5	46.6	15.75	16.06	15.58
MINING	556.89	546.55	546.62	46.1	46.2	46.6	12.08	11.83	11.73
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	506.73	511.29	517.57	38.8	39.3	39.6	13.06	13.01	13.07
BANKING	278.61	271.58	263.47	37.0	36.9	37.8	7.53	7.36	6.97

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 125,700 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,600 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 12 88				REVISED 11 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,550	20,050	2,500	11.1	22,625	20,125	2,500	11.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,950	8,700	1,250	12.4	9,900	8,750	1,150	11.7
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,975	4,925	1,050	17.5	5,900	5,075	825	13.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,250	12,750	2,500	16.4	15,550	13,375	2,175	14.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,800	13,350	1,450	9.8	15,175	13,750	1,425	9.4
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,650	5,850	800	11.9	6,600	5,925	675	10.1
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,300	3,775	525	12.4	4,300	3,775	525	12.0
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,550	4,050	500	10.8	4,550	4,075	475	10.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,000	3,225	775	19.3	3,950	3,325	625	15.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,025	7,300	725	8.9	8,025	7,325	700	8.9
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,050	8,550	1,500	14.9	9,850	8,550	1,300	13.2
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,100	11,550	1,550	11.8	13,100	11,650	1,450	11.1
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,250	3,325	925	21.8	4,125	3,450	675	16.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,950	8,050	900	10.1	9,100	8,200	900	10.0
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,650	11,100	1,550	12.1	13,025	11,525	1,500	11.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,425	7,100	1,325	15.6	8,350	7,225	1,125	13.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,725	5,900	825	12.4	6,750	5,950	800	11.7
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,550	21,975	2,575	10.4	24,575	22,050	2,525	10.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,450	9,800	1,650	14.4	11,550	9,900	1,650	14.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,225	6,650	575	8.0	7,275	6,675	600	8.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,825	10,275	1,550	13.1	11,900	10,250	1,650	13.8
JENA (LASALLE)	6,625	5,975	650	10.0	6,700	6,025	675	9.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,100	17,050	1,050	5.9	18,325	17,425	900	4.9
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,700	4,775	925	16.3	5,600	4,875	725	13.0
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,625	10,900	1,725	13.7	12,425	10,900	1,525	12.2
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,575	14,750	1,825	10.9	16,375	14,875	1,500	9.2
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,000	8,075	925	10.3	9,075	8,150	925	10.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,375	6,075	1,300	17.5	7,350	6,100	1,250	17.1
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,200	3,725	475	11.1	4,125	3,700	425	10.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,975	7,700	1,275	14.1	8,925	7,800	1,125	12.6
MANY (SABINE)	10,050	9,150	900	9.0	10,150	9,325	825	8.2
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,800	2,475	325	11.8	2,800	2,475	325	11.8
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,175	6,975	1,200	14.7	8,050	7,000	1,050	13.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,200	28,350	4,850	14.6	33,300	28,425	4,875	14.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,900	20,800	3,100	13.0	23,625	20,900	2,725	11.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,150	34,025	5,125	13.1	39,125	34,175	4,950	12.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,150	2,700	450	14.4	3,075	2,750	325	10.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,400	7,425	975	11.7	8,425	7,450	975	11.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,700	17,175	2,525	12.8	19,775	17,350	2,425	12.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,150	17,400	1,750	9.1	19,025	17,350	1,675	8.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,250	16,000	2,250	12.3	18,025	16,050	1,975	10.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,200	16,825	2,375	12.3	18,975	16,750	2,225	11.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,725	3,525	1,200	25.2	4,575	3,600	975	21.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,275	3,725	550	12.6	4,325	3,875	450	10.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,650	5,175	475	8.3	5,775	5,250	525	8.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change From Nov. 1988	Net Change From Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.3	46.3	46.2	0	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.3	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.5	11.3	11.5	+ 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.0	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	9.2	9.1	9.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
General Merchandise	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.7	11.7	11.2	0	+ 0.5
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.7	12.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.8	9.9	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
State	4.5	4.6	4.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Local	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria LMA was estimated at 46,300 for the month of December. This estimate was unchanged from November and 100 more than December of last year.

Employment in manufacturing remained unchanged from the previous month but declined by 100 from December 1987. The decline was a net result of a decrease by 200 in durable goods with an increase of 100 in nondurable goods.

December estimated employment in nonmanufacturing was 43,000. This figure was the same as last month and 200 higher compared to the same period a year ago. Although wholesale and retail trade increased by 200 for the current month, the increase was offset by a decline of 100 in both construction and state government. The increase of 200 from December 1987 resulted from a 500 increase in services and decreases of 200 in government and 100 in construction.

During the next thirty days seasonal changes are anticipated, with employment in retail sales and outdoor related employment declining.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change From Nov. 1988	Net Change From Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	216.4	216.0	214.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	19.0	19.0	18.7	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.3	10.3	10.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.2	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.1	20.5	20.4	- 0.4	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.1	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.8	53.1	52.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.8	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.0	8.0	7.8	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	41.9	41.3	40.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.5	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Banking	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	44.2	44.0	43.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	54.5	54.7	55.7	- 0.2	- 1.2
Federal	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
State and Local	52.3	52.5	53.4	- 0.2	- 1.1
State	29.7	29.9	30.9	- 0.2	- 1.2
Local	22.6	22.6	22.5	0	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$535.82	$539.09	$546.84	42.9	43.3	43.4	$12.49	$12.45	$12.60
Petro-Chemicals	716.63	708.07	717.65	45.5	45.8	46.3	15.75	15.46	15.50

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 216,400 during December, was up 400 from the revised November estimate and up 1,700 over December of last year.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,000, showed no change during the current period and was up 300 over last December. The durable goods increase over the prior year was centered in other durable goods. In nondurable goods, food and kindred products and other nondurable goods were up, and printing and publishing showed a small decline.

Total nonmanufacturing was up 400 during the current period and up 1,400 over the year-ago total. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, heavy construction except highway and street construction, and in masonry, stonework, tile setting and plastering. Wholesale trade-nondurable goods increased due to more business in groceries and related products and in beer, wine and distilled alcoholic beverages. Retail trade was up due to seasonal increases in variety stores and in men's and boy's clothing and furnishings stores. Finance, insurance and real estate increased due to more business in commercial and stock savings banks. Services rose due to increased payrolls in hospitals, residential care facilities, and museums and art galleries. Government was down due to staff reductions in state government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,800 production workers in all manufacturing was $535.82, down $3.27 from the November revised average. Average weekly hours, at 42.9, were down 0.4 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.49, were up four cents per hour. A shorter scheduled work week contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 241,200 during December, down 1,400 from the revised November estimate and up 1,600 over the year ago total. Unemployment, at 23,600, had no change during the current period and was down 5,300 from December of last year. The local unemployment rate for December, at 8.9 percent, was unchanged from the November revised rate and down from the 10.8 percent recorded for the comparable period last year. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 264,800 during December, down 1,400 from the prior month and down 3,700 from the total for last December.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,103 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 366 applicants in jobs during December.

The consumer price index for November, 1988 for all urban consumers was 120.3 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 119.0 using base period 1982-84 = 100.

A seasonal decline in retail trade and public education is expected to reduce employment and increase unemployment during the coming month.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change From Nov. 1988	Net Change From Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	53.6	52.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	4.1	4.2	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
MINING	5.8	5.9	5.8	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.4	0	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.2	5.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Water Transportation	3.7	3.9	3.3	- 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.6	13.7	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.7	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.3	9.2	8.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.6	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in December tapered off to 53,500, down 100 from November. The scattered changes were small and mostly seasonal in nature. Since December 1987, total employment showed a gain of 600.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,100 in December, down 100 from the previous month. The durable goods segment was at the same level as the previous month. The nondurable goods segment lost 100 mainly due to the end of the sugarcane processing season.

Mining eased down as weather became less suitable for outside activity. Construction held steady. Water transportation decreased, reflecting the slackened seasonal demand from mining. More favorably, retail trade pushed up as shopping for the holiday season neared its peak. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited no significant change. Services were boosted by a seasonal upturn in business services. State government displayed a gain in state educational services.

Estimated unemployment in December moved up to 6,800 a level 500 above November. Unemployment presently comprises 9.8 percent of the labor force, compared to 9.0 percent in November and 10.9 percent in December of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 1,020.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to display normal seasonal changes. Retail trade will adjust downward from the December level as the holiday season passes. Mining and construction will be hampered by winter weather conditions. Unemployment is predicted to show some increase.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.3	84.7	83.0	- 0.4	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	6.1	6.1	6.1	0	0
Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	10.7	10.9	10.5	- 0.2	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.6	3.2	- 0.4	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	5.9	5.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.8	23.6	22.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.4	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.5	18.2	17.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
General Merchandise	3.2	3.1	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Food Stores	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.6	10.4	9.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.5	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	18.1	18.2	18.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	13.1	0	- 0.2
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	12.1	12.1	12.2	0	- 0.1
State	5.1	5.1	5.3	0	- 0.2
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 84,300, a decrease of 400 workers from the November revised level. Compared to a year ago, employment in the LMA has increased by 1,300.

Mining decreased by 200 due to continued layoffs in the industry. Construction made a seasonal downturn in employment by 400 in December. Transportation and public utilities rose by 200 workers from the previous month. Wholesale and retail trade increased by 200 due to seasonal employment; compared to December 1987, employment in this sector increased by 1,400 workers. Finance, insurance, and real estate and services showed a minimal decline of 100 in each sector from the previous month.

All other sectors showed no change from the previous month.

Unemployment should remain close to current levels for the next thirty days.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change From	
				Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.1	58.5	58.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	10.8	11.0	11.1	- 0.2	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.8	7.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	1.0	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.1	4.0	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.2	14.7	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	11.6	11.3	11.8	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.6	2.4	2.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.5	4.0	+ 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.8	11.6	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.6	+ 0.1	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	10.2	10.2	10.0	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.6	9.6	9.4	0	+ 0.2
State	3.1	3.1	3.6	0	- 0.5
Local	6.5	6.5	5.8	0	+ 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 59,100, an increase of 600 workers from last month's estimate and 700 workers above the December 1987 figure.

Manufacturing declined by 200 from the previous month due to a loss of workers in the other durable goods and chemical and petroleum products sectors. Mining increased by 100 workers in December due to firmer oil prices. Construction, and transportation and public utilities sectors rose by 100 workers from the previous month. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 300 due to seasonal hiring. Services increased by 200 in December, with hotels and other lodging places and personal services contributing to the increase.

The remaining segments of the economy showed little or no change from last month.

The unemployment rate should increase slightly next month due to inclement weather and the end of the holiday season.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change From Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.8	54.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.3	7.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	2.0	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.0	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.0	4.0	3.8	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.3	0.4	0.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.7	2.6	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.6	14.3	14.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.7	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.0	10.6	11.1	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.6	2.9	+ 0.3	0
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.7	11.9	11.4	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.3	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.2	10.8	0	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.6	10.2	0	+ 0.4
State	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 54,700 during December, was down 100 from the November estimate of 54,800, but was 300 above the December 1987 estimate of 54,400.

Manufacturing experienced a minimal gain as it rose to 7,400 over the month. Over the year, manufacturing rose by 200 workers.

Mining, construction, and transportation and public utilities each had minimal losses of 100 workers. Services was down by 200 workers. As anticipated, wholesale and retail trade were up as the holiday season reached its peak. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

Employment can be expected to decline with the end of the holiday season and in anticipation of adverse weather conditions. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change From Nov. 1988	Net Change From Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	520.0	519.7	512.3	+ 0.3	+ 7.7
MANUFACTURING	43.5	43.1	42.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	22.5	22.2	21.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.0	13.7	12.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.4	10.1	8.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.0	20.9	21.7	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	6.1	6.0	6.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.5	15.4	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.6	14.5	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
CONSTRUCTION	22.2	23.9	21.8	- 1.7	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.9	44.6	43.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.4	13.2	12.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	136.4	134.6	136.4	+ 1.8	0
Wholesale Trade	32.3	32.1	31.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.6	18.5	18.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.6	13.7	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	104.1	102.5	104.6	+ 1.6	- 0.5
General Merchandise	14.9	14.2	13.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Food Stores	19.5	19.4	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	34.3	35.3	+ 0.2	- 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.9	33.8	34.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	7.4	7.3	7.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	137.7	138.3	133.9	- 0.6	+ 3.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.3	12.9	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Health Services	37.2	37.0	36.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	85.9	86.0	85.1	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Federal	16.1	16.0	16.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	69.8	70.0	69.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7
State	18.3	18.7	19.0	- 0.4	- 0.7
Local	51.5	51.3	50.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.4

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$421.74	$445.94	$432.14	39.9	41.1	41.0	$10.57	$10.85	$10.54
Durable Goods	355.32	380.72	395.50	37.8	39.7	40.9	9.40	9.59	9.67
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	234.09	244.89	261.90	27.0	27.0	30.0	8.67	9.07	8.73
Fabricated Metal Products	372.38	424.27	449.16	37.5	40.6	42.9	9.93	10.45	10.47
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	341.89	361.00	366.62	38.2	40.2	40.2	8.95	8.98	9.12
Nondurable Goods	495.01	517.52	467.72	42.2	42.7	41.1	11.73	12.12	11.38
Food & Kindred Products	329.55	319.77	312.68	39.0	37.4	37.9	8.45	8.55	8.25
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	194.81	181.72	187.78	38.5	33.1	35.7	5.06	5.49	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	415.63	399.36	472.26	44.5	47.6	47.8	9.34	8.39	9.88
Printing & Publishing	389.05	374.36	376.94	40.4	37.7	40.1	9.63	9.93	9.40
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	724.61	768.26	711.07	44.4	47.6	43.2	16.32	16.14	16.46

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in December increased to 520,000, a level 300 above November. The largest increases were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 7,700 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except finance, insurance, and real estate.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,500, up 400 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing was mainly responsible for the increase due to more contracts and orders. Food and kindred products experienced an increase because of seasonal factors.

Mining edged up with gains primarily in the oil and gas extraction segment. The substantial drop in construction was attributed to the completion of large projects and normal seasonal downward movement. Transportation and public utilities showed increases mostly due to the rise in local port activity. Retail trade experienced a significant seasonal gain as shopping for the holiday season neared its peak. Finance, insurance, and real estate inched up. Services made downward adjustments largely in private educational services. Minor increases in federal and local governments were offset by larger decreases in state government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $421.74 per week in December, down $24.20 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 39.9, down 1.2 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.57, down $0.28 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $10.40 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in December remained unchanged from the previous month at a level of 52,100. Joblessness held steady at 8.7 percent when compared with November and moved up from 8.1 percent in December of last year. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,516.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall decrease. Retail trade will make normal downward adjustments as the holiday season closes. Construction is expected to display a seasonal downturn. Unemployment will probably exhibit an overall increase.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1988*	Nov. 1988**	Dec. 1987**	Net Change From Nov. 1988	Net Change From Dec. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	130.7	132.2	133.3	- 1.5	- 2.6
MANUFACTURING	16.9	17.0	17.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	12.1	12.1	12.4	0	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	6.9	6.9	7.2	0	- 0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.8	1.7	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.2	5.8	- 0.1	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.9	4.8	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	2.7	2.8	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	7.5	7.7	7.0	- 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.1	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.8	32.0	33.3	- 0.2	- 1.5
Wholesale Trade	7.5	7.6	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Retail Trade	24.3	24.4	25.3	- 0.1	- 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.9	6.9	7.4	0	- 0.5
SERVICES	31.7	32.4	31.7	- 0.7	0
GOVERNMENT	25.2	25.4	25.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	20.5	20.7	20.6	- 0.2	- 0.1
State	6.1	6.1	6.0	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.4	14.6	14.6	- 0.2	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**	Dec. '88*	Nov. '88**	Dec. '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$463.57	$514.96	$454.21	40.7	42.7	39.6	$11.39	$12.06	$11.47
Lumber and Wood Products	318.14	319.02	213.86	36.4	37.4	32.8	8.74	8.53	6.52
Metals and Machinery	480.82	463.86	478.25	43.2	42.4	41.3	11.13	10.94	11.58
Food and Kindred Products	338.02	343.12	303.75	42.2	42.1	40.5	8.01	8.15	7.50
Printing and Publishing	329.13	363.28	335.22	34.5	38.2	35.7	9.54	9.51	9.39
Petroleum and Coal Products	568.96	574.98	557.06	44.8	44.4	46.0	12.70	12.95	12.11

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport LMA, estimated at 130,700, fell below the November estimate of 132,200 and showed a moderate reduction from the year-ago total of 133,300. The most significant employment change from November to December was caused by a seasonal decline in the services sector with job losses in the amusement and recreation services industry.

The employment total in manufacturing declined to 16,900, down slightly from the November estimate of 17,000 and the year-ago total of 17,200. Job losses between November and December were equally divided in manufacturing with reduced production in both machinery and petroleum and coal products. There was a small increase in primary and fabricated metals to help offset this loss.

Nonmanufacturing employment estimated at 113,800, dropped from the November level of 115,200. Services employment dropped to 31,700, down from the November estimate of 32,400. This employment decline was caused primarily by the closing of the racing season. Additional job losses occurred in construction, government, trade and mining.

In manufacturing, an estimated 12,100 production workers had average weekly earnings of $463.57, down $51.39 from the November average, and up $9.36 from the December 1987 average. Average weekly hours of 40.7 were 2.0 hours less than last month but 1.1 hours more than one year ago. Average hourly earnings of $11.39 were down from $12.06 last month and $11.47 one year ago.

The civilian labor force, estimated at 161,900, included 145,800 employed and 16,100 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 10.0 percent. The revised November rate was 9.4 percent, while December 1987 was 9.1 percent.

Changes during the next two months are expected to be minimal. Total nonagricultural employment may dip slightly below the present estimate while total unemployment will show a small gain.

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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during January was estimated at 1,497,500, a drop of 19,500 workers from last month but 21,300 higher than January 1988. The decrease in Louisiana's nonmanufacturing employment for the current month was led by a seasonal decline in trade employment. Nondurable goods was mainly responsible for the decline in manufacturing payrolls.

Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased by 200 from the December 1988 figure. Transportation equipment employment was down this month due to payroll cuts in the ship and boat building and repairing segment of manufacturing. Employee additions in certain miscellaneous manufacturing industries accounted for the upturn in other durable goods employment for January.

Employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing for January was estimated at 94,400, a decrease of 2,300 below last month's level but 1,500 higher than January of last year. Seasonal declines in the processing of sugarcane and in seafood canning were primarily responsible in the drop of food and kindred products payrolls. More demand in the production of paperboard and certain converted paper products accounted for the increase in paper and allied products employment.

Nonmanufacturing employment was estimated at 1,327,700 for January, a decrease of 17,000 from the December level. Mining employment fell by 100. Construction payrolls were down due to less activity in heavy construction and certain segments of special trade contractors. Seasonal cutbacks in retail trade were most significant in the downward turn in trade employment. Employment drops at banks were mainly responsible for the lower employment for finance, insurance and real estate. Business services were among the segments contributing to the downturn in services employment. Government employment in January was down due in large part to a decrease in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,700 production workers in manufacturing increased from $461.07 in December 1988 to $462.04 in January, an increase of $0.97, and an increase of $3.27 above January of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.18 higher in January than last month, and $0.26 higher than January 1988. Weekly hours averaged 41.7 during January, a decrease of 0.6 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 223,300. The unemployment rate for January was 11.8 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for January was 6.0 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,887,100 workers. Estimated total employment fell to 1,663,800 for the current month.

Louisiana's unemployment rate may go up slightly over the next 30 days. Government payrolls should show a seasonal increase while trade employment will continue to fall slightly.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change from December 1988	Net Change from January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,497.5	1,517.0	1,476.2	-19.5	+21.3
MINING	56.6	56.7	55.9	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.0	54.1	53.3	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	82.8	84.8	75.9	- 2.0	+ 6.9
MANUFACTURING	169.8	172.3	165.6	- 2.5	+ 4.2
Durable Goods	75.4	75.6	72.7	- 0.2	+ 2.7
Lumber and Wood Products	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.2	0	+ 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+ 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	12.6	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.0	9.1	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.5	7.2	0	- 0.7
Transportation Equipment	23.1	23.5	22.2	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.3	2.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	94.4	96.7	92.9	- 2.3	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	19.3	22.2	18.9	- 2.9	+ 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.1	9.9	9.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	12.5	12.2	11.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.9	9.8	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.2	27.1	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.0	11.1	11.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Petroleum Refining	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.3	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.9	108.8	104.3	- 0.9	+ 3.6
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.7	63.5	59.1	- 0.8	+ 3.6
Water Transportation	25.8	26.0	23.8	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.1	40.2	40.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.2	18.1	17.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	22.1	22.2	- 0.2	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	359.7	368.1	355.2	- 8.4	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	81.6	82.2	80.8	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.5	45.8	45.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.1	36.4	35.2	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Retail Trade	278.1	285.9	274.4	- 7.8	+ 3.7
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.8	64.0	58.3	- 5.2	+ 0.5
Food Stores	55.7	56.1	54.7	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.8	30.1	29.0	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	84.0	84.5	81.7	- 0.5	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade	49.8	51.2	50.7	- 1.4	- 0.9

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change from December 1988	Net Change from January 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	81.5	81.8	83.0	- 0.3	- 1.5
Banking	22.6	23.2	24.0	- 0.6	- 1.4
SERVICES	326.9	328.1	322.6	- 1.2	+ 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.0	21.2	20.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Personal Services	14.9	14.7	14.9	+ 0.2	0
Business Services	62.0	63.1	58.9	- 1.1	+ 3.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.4	9.6	9.4	- 0.2	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.0	5.1	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.4	8.2	7.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Health Services	105.0	104.6	102.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Legal Services	15.9	15.9	15.3	0	+ 0.6
Educational Services	20.1	20.4	22.3	- 0.3	- 2.2
Social Services	18.4	18.5	18.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Membership Organizations	25.5	25.3	25.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	15.8	15.7	15.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	312.3	316.4	313.7	- 4.1	- 1.4
Federal	36.2	36.4	36.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
State and Local	276.1	280.0	277.3	- 3.9	- 1.2
State	89.8	94.0	94.5	- 4.2	- 4.7
Local	186.3	186.0	182.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.5

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$462.04	$461.07	$458.77	41.7	42.3	42.4	$11.08	$10.90	$10.82
Durable Goods	414.50	416.23	411.83	41.7	42.3	42.5	9.94	9.84	9.69
Lumber & Wood Products	357.86	365.45	361.93	42.2	43.3	44.3	8.48	8.44	8.17
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	364.05	356.07	366.95	39.7	39.0	41.0	9.17	9.13	8.95
Fabricated Metal Products	414.81	439.22	422.92	43.3	45.8	43.6	9.58	9.59	9.70
Machinery, ex. Electrical	396.79	390.62	405.59	41.9	41.6	43.8	9.47	9.39	9.26
Electric & Electronic Equip.	535.43	538.86	505.83	42.8	42.0	44.1	12.51	12.83	11.47
Transportation Equipment	452.35	436.45	430.24	40.9	40.6	39.8	11.06	10.75	10.81
Nondurable Goods	502.11	500.32	499.90	41.6	42.4	42.4	12.07	11.80	11.79
Food & Kindred Products	286.81	304.21	293.76	37.2	40.4	38.4	7.71	7.53	7.65
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	213.59	209.07	208.51	36.7	35.8	38.4	5.82	5.84	5.43
Paper & Allied Products	569.40	568.10	564.56	43.8	43.7	42.9	13.00	13.00	13.16
Printing & Publishing	408.28	403.90	388.75	38.3	39.1	38.3	10.66	10.33	10.15
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	723.45	722.76	713.00	45.5	45.6	46.0	15.90	15.85	15.50
Petroleum & Coal Products	674.61	701.16	712.41	43.3	45.5	46.9	15.58	15.41	15.19
Petroleum Refining	685.01	709.85	726.15	43.3	45.3	47.0	15.82	15.67	15.45
MINING	552.28	540.63	561.93	46.1	45.7	47.5	11.98	11.83	11.83
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	522.05	498.62	502.94	40.5	39.2	40.3	12.89	12.72	12.48
BANKING	276.26	282.72	266.44	38.0	37.2	37.9	7.27	7.60	7.03

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,700 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1989				REVISED DECEMBER 1988				REVISED JANUARY 1988			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,887.1	1,663.8	223.3	11.8	1,880.3	1,689.5	190.8	10.1	1,892.0	1,660.7	231.3	12.2
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.4	52.6	6.8	11.4	58.7	53.0	5.7	9.7	59.1	52.7	6.4	10.8
Baton Rouge 2/	265.0	237.7	27.3	10.3	266.5	242.9	23.6	8.8	263.8	237.2	26.6	10.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.6	60.6	8.0	11.7	69.2	62.4	6.8	9.8	70.0	60.2	9.8	13.9
Lafayette 4/	96.9	86.7	10.2	10.6	97.7	89.2	8.5	8.7	97.6	86.3	11.3	11.6
Lake Charles 5/	74.0	65.2	8.8	11.9	72.6	65.0	7.6	10.5	74.7	64.6	10.1	13.5
Monroe 6/	66.8	59.4	7.4	11.1	67.7	61.2	6.5	9.6	68.2	60.2	8.0	11.7
New Orleans 7/	584.4	527.5	56.9	9.7	585.1	533.3	51.8	8.9	585.9	527.4	58.5	10.0
Shreveport 8/	158.7	140.6	18.1	11.4	157.4	141.4	16.0	10.2	161.8	142.2	19.6	12.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY 01 89				REVISED 12 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,950	19,025	2,925	13.4	21,575	19,125	2,450	11.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,400	8,025	1,375	14.6	9,300	8,100	1,200	13.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,575	5,000	1,575	24.0	6,075	5,025	1,050	17.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,125	12,700	3,425	21.2	15,150	12,675	2,475	16.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,000	11,450	1,550	11.9	12,925	11,525	1,400	10.8
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,750	5,875	875	12.9	6,650	5,850	800	11.9
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,025	3,350	675	16.8	3,925	3,400	525	13.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,625	4,025	600	13.0	4,575	4,075	500	10.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,175	3,075	1,100	26.4	3,825	3,075	750	19.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,925	7,100	825	10.5	7,750	7,050	700	9.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,275	8,275	2,000	19.5	10,200	8,725	1,475	14.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,525	10,800	1,725	13.7	12,525	11,000	1,525	12.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,200	2,925	1,275	30.4	3,900	3,000	900	23.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,400	6,325	1,075	14.5	7,525	6,650	875	11.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,075	11,125	1,950	14.9	12,850	11,325	1,525	11.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,150	6,525	1,625	20.0	8,025	6,725	1,300	16.1
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,900	5,850	1,050	15.1	6,675	5,850	825	12.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,100	21,825	3,275	13.0	25,300	22,725	2,575	10.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,275	9,250	2,025	18.0	11,050	9,425	1,625	14.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,550	5,850	700	10.7	6,575	6,000	575	8.7
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,225	9,400	1,825	16.3	10,850	9,325	1,525	14.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,575	5,650	925	14.0	6,350	5,700	650	10.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,925	15,800	1,125	6.6	17,525	16,500	1,025	5.8
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,675	4,475	1,200	21.1	5,425	4,500	925	16.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,675	10,325	2,350	18.5	12,225	10,500	1,725	14.1
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,100	14,025	2,075	12.9	16,000	14,200	1,800	11.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,475	7,400	1,075	12.7	8,500	7,575	925	10.8
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,550	5,800	1,750	23.3	7,175	5,875	1,300	18.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,275	3,625	650	15.1	4,050	3,600	450	11.4
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,775	7,200	1,575	17.8	8,525	7,300	1,225	14.5
MANY (SABINE)	9,675	8,550	1,125	11.7	9,550	8,650	900	9.4
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,925	2,500	425	14.3	2,825	2,500	325	11.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,025	6,600	1,425	17.8	7,675	6,500	1,175	15.3
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,950	25,175	5,775	18.6	31,350	26,575	4,775	15.3
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,500	20,675	3,825	15.6	24,500	21,400	3,100	12.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,775	31,850	5,925	15.7	37,125	32,050	5,075	13.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,125	2,500	625	20.1	2,925	2,475	450	15.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,225	7,125	1,100	13.5	8,450	7,475	975	11.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,675	15,575	3,100	16.6	18,825	16,350	2,475	13.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,300	16,225	2,075	11.3	17,875	16,175	1,700	9.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,250	15,650	2,600	14.3	17,750	15,525	2,225	12.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,675	16,825	2,850	14.5	19,250	16,900	2,350	12.2
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,875	3,450	1,425	29.2	4,575	3,400	1,175	25.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,550	675	15.8	4,125	3,600	525	12.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,850	5,175	675	11.6	5,600	5,125	475	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	December 1988	January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	44.9	45.3	45.1	- 0.4	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.8	11.0	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	9.1	9.1	- 0.2	- 0.2
General Merchandise	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.0	0	+ 0.5
Health Services	5.2	5.1	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.8	12.8	0	0
Federal	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.8	9.9	10.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.4	4.5	4.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Local	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria LMA was estimated at 44,900 for the month of January. This estimate was 400 less than last month and 200 less than January of last year.

Employment in manufacturing remained unchanged from the previous month but declined by 200 from January 1988. The decline was a result of both durable and nondurable goods each decreasing by 100.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing for January was down by 400 from last month but remained unchanged compared to the same period a year ago. The decline was a result of decreases in finance, insurance, and real estate, wholesale and retail trade, and construction.

During the next thirty days, seasonal declines are expected to continue in retail trade and outdoor-related employment.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	218.4	223.7	215.3	- 5.3	+ 3.1
MANUFACTURING	19.2	19.5	19.0	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.4	14.8	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.8	1.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.4	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.5	21.1	- 0.1	+ 2.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.4	10.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.5	55.1	50.9	- 1.6	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade	11.9	12.0	11.4	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.6	43.1	39.5	- 1.5	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.9	13.6	- 0.3	0
Banking	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	45.9	45.8	44.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	51.3	54.5	54.8	- 3.2	- 3.5
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	49.0	52.2	52.5	- 3.2	- 3.5
State	26.4	29.7	30.1	- 3.3	- 3.7
Local	22.6	22.5	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$558.12	$542.87	$552.51	43.4	44.1	43.3	$12.86	$12.31	$12.76
Petro-Chemicals	711.42	693.50	734.59	45.4	44.2	46.7	15.67	15.69	15.73

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 218,400 during January, was down 5,300 from the revised December estimate and up 3,100 over January of last year.

Employment in manufacturing, at 19,200, was down 300 during the current period and was up 200 over last January. Durable goods payrolls showed no change during the current period. Nondurable goods employment was down due to seasonal declines in sugar and confectionery products.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 5,000 during January and up 2,900 over January a year ago. Construction was down due to less business in general building contractors-nonresidential buildings, in electrical work, and in masonry, stonework, tile setting and plastering. Transportation and public utilities was up due to more business in telephone communications. Wholesale trade-durable goods was down due to less business in machinery, equipment, and supplies. Retail trade was down due to less business in department stores and grocery stores, and seasonal declines in men's and boy's clothing and furnishings stores, and in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance and real estate was down due to less business in commercial and stock savings banks, in accident and health insurance and medical services plans, and in real estate operators (except developers) and lessors. Services employment increased due to more business in nursing and personal care facilities and in outpatient care facilities. Government employment dropped during the current period due to the semester break in state colleges, universities, and professional schools. Local government showed a small staff increase.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,800 production workers in all manufacturing was $558.12, up $15.25 from the December revised average. Average weekly hours, at 43.4, were down 0.7 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.86, were up $0.55 per hour. More overtime by higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of the Baton Rouge LMA's residents, estimated at 237,700, was down 5,200 from last month's revised estimate. Unemployment, at 27,300, was up 3,700 during the current period. The local unemployment rate is 10.3 percent for January. The civilian labor force was estimated at 265,000, a decrease of 1,500 from the previous month.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,395 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 415 applicants in jobs during January.

The consumer price index for December 1988 for all urban consumers was 120.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 119.2 using base period 1982-84 = 100.

Unemployment is expected to show little change during the coming month while employment should show some improvement.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.2	54.7	52.4	- 1.5	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.7	4.1	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.8	1.4	- 0.3	+ 0.1
MINING	5.7	5.9	5.7	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	6.0	0	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.8	13.5	- 0.4	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.0	2.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.5	10.8	10.7	- 0.3	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	9.3	9.4	8.8	- 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.7	10.3	- 0.4	0
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.8	10.2	9.9	- 0.4	- 0.1
State	2.8	3.1	2.7	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.1	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in January decreased to 53,200, a level 1,500 below December. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature. Since January 1988, total employment exhibited a gain of 800.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,400, down 300 from the previous month. The durable goods segment was at the same level as the previous month. The nondurable goods segment lost 300 due to the end of the sugarcane processing season.

Mining made seasonal cutbacks as weather became less suitable for outside activity. Construction remained on the same level. Transportation and public utilities held steady. Wholesale trade eased down in nondurable goods. Retail trade made normal downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. Finance, insurance and real estate showed scattered small downturns. Services tapered off, mainly in business services. Government was lowered by a temporary seasonal downturn in employment by state educational services.

Estimated unemployment stood at 8,000 in January. Unemployment presently comprises 11.7 percent of the labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. The unemployment rate was 11.8 percent for the state. The comparable national unemployment rate was 6.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,364.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit a normal seasonal increase. Mining and construction will probably add workers as weather conditions become better. Transportation will likely display a small gain. Retail trade will pull back up from the mid-winter low. Business services are expected to move up seasonally. In government, educational services will increase employment as the spring semester moves further along. Unemployment is expected to decrease as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.1	86.3	82.6	- 2.2	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.9	1.6	- 0.2	+ 0.1
MINING	11.3	11.3	11.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.3	5.6	- 0.3	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.2	23.9	22.5	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.9	18.6	17.4	- 0.7	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	3.0	3.2	3.0	- 0.2	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 0.1	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.5	10.9	10.1	- 0.4	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.2	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	17.9	18.1	17.6	- 0.2	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.9	12.8	11.9	- 0.9	0
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.1	12.0	11.0	- 0.9	+ 0.1
State	4.1	5.0	4.0	- 0.9	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 84,100, a decrease of 2,200 from the December 1988 revised level. The loss of 2,200 jobs was primarily due to the end of the holiday season and the semester break at various educational institutions.

Construction decreased by 100 workers from the previous month and compared to a year ago has increased by 200 workers. Transportation and public utilities declined by 300 jobs in January due to a slowdown in offshore water transportation and bus service employment. Services was down by 200 workers from December's revised estimate due to seasonal decreases and the fluctuating price of oil. Wholesale and retail trade was down by 700 jobs, reflecting the end of the Christmas season. Government dropped by 900 people due to the semester break. All other segments of the economy showed no change from the previous month.

Over the next 30 days, the unemployment rate should show little change while employment continues to grow gradually.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	December 1988	January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.2	59.1	57.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	11.0	11.0	11.2	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.5	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.2	3.9	3.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.0	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	14.2	13.2	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.3	11.7	10.8	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.7	2.2	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.8	3.5	- 0.3	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	12.2	12.1	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.3	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.7	10.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State	3.0	2.9	3.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Local	6.8	6.8	6.7	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for January in the Lake Charles LMA stood at 59,200, an increase of 100 from the December 1988 revised level.

Construction increased by 300 workers from the previous month. Transportation and public utilities was up by 100 over the December 1988 estimate. Services and government each showed an increase of 100 from the prior month. Retail and wholesale trade dropped by 500, reflecting the end of the holiday season.

The unemployment rate and employment figures should remain stable for the next thirty days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.7	55.1	54.0	- 1.4	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.5	7.5	7.4	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.1	2.2	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.0	2.8	2.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	14.4	14.1	- 0.7	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.7	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.1	10.7	10.3	- 0.6	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.8	2.6	- 0.4	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.5	0	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	1.0	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	12.0	11.9	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.3	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.7	11.5	10.8	- 0.8	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	10.9	10.2	- 0.8	- 0.1
State	3.9	4.7	4.0	- 0.8	- 0.1
Local	6.2	6.2	6.2	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment during mid-January was 53,700, a decline of 1,400 workers over the month and 300 below the January 1988 estimate.

Manufacturing was unchanged over the month but had a minimal gain of 100 over last year's estimate.

Mining and construction each had minimal losses of 100, reflecting adverse weather conditions. Transportation and public utilities gained 200 workers. Wholesale and retail trade was down by 700 workers, reflecting the close of the holiday season. Finance, insurance and real estate was unchanged. Services gained 100 workers. Government experienced a seasonal drop as educational facilities were between semesters.

Employment is expected to move upward over the next sixty days. Unemployment will remain high but should decline slightly as weather conditions improve.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	514.7	521.3	508.9	- 6.6	+ 5.8
MANUFACTURING	43.0	43.6	42.9	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	22.3	22.6	21.6	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	13.7	14.0	12.9	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.1	10.4	9.2	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.7	21.0	21.3	- 0.3	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	5.9	6.2	6.2	- 0.3	- 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.3	15.3	15.2	0	+ 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.4	14.4	14.3	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	21.9	22.6	21.5	- 0.7	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.3	45.0	42.7	- 0.7	+ 1.6
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.1	13.5	12.2	- 0.4	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.7	137.4	132.0	- 3.7	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	32.0	32.2	31.4	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.4	18.6	18.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	13.3	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	101.7	105.2	100.6	- 3.5	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	13.9	14.9	14.2	- 1.0	- 0.3
Food Stores	20.2	20.4	19.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	33.8	34.5	32.6	- 0.7	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.9	34.0	33.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	7.2	7.3	7.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	136.5	138.3	133.9	- 1.8	+ 2.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.0	13.1	13.0	- 0.1	0
Health Services	37.1	37.2	35.6	- 0.1	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	86.1	85.1	86.9	+ 1.0	- 0.8
Federal	16.0	16.2	15.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State and Local	70.1	68.9	71.1	+ 1.2	- 1.0
State	18.2	18.3	19.2	- 0.1	- 1.0
Local	51.9	50.6	51.9	+ 1.3	0

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**
All MANUFACTURING	**$424.14**	**$422.90**	**$435.18**	**39.9**	**40.2**	**40.9**	**$10.63**	**$10.52**	**$10.64**
Durable Goods	373.12	363.23	379.76	39.4	38.6	39.6	9.47	9.41	**9.59**
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	295.04	245.92	276.60	32.0	29.0	32.2	9.22	8.48	**8.59**
Fabricated Metal Products	383.36	371.49	421.03	39.4	37.6	42.4	9.73	9.88	**9.93**
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	359.79	354.88	350.45	39.8	39.3	38.3	9.04	9.03	**9.15**
Nondurable Goods	478.74	488.55	489.94	40.4	41.9	42.2	11.85	11.66	**11.61**
Food & Kindred Products	310.46	328.18	316.39	35.4	38.7	37.8	8.77	8.48	**8.37**
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	203.20	190.04	185.85	37.7	36.9	35.0	5.39	5.15	**5.31**
Paper & Allied Products	374.41	374.14	460.51	44.1	44.7	46.8	8.49	8.37	**9.84**
Printing & Publishing	403.97	388.14	368.23	40.6	40.6	40.2	9.95	9.56	**9.16**
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	726.09	740.09	754.42	44.6	45.1	46.8	16.28	16.41	**16.12**

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans LMA in January decreased to 514,700, a level 6,600 below December. Seasonal losses in most industry divisions were primarily responsible. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 5,800 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except government.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,000, down 600 from the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing experienced a loss of employment due to the completion of contracts and orders. Food and kindred products experienced a loss because of seasonal factors.

Mining held steady from the previous month. Construction showed normal seasonal downward movement. Transportation and public utilities lost workers mostly in water transportation and motor freight transportation and warehousing. Wholesale and retail trade exhibited a seasonal decline with a substantial portion of the losses in retail trade. Finance, insurance and real estate inched down. Losses in the services industry were seasonal and mostly in the business services, educational services, and amusement services segments. Minor decreases in federal and state governments were offset by larger increases in local government.

Estimated unemployment for January is 56,900. The unemployment rate is 9.7 percent. The state rate is 11.8 percent and the comparable national rate is 6.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,144.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $424.14 per week in January, up $1.24 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 39.9, down 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.63, up $0.11 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are down $11.04 in manufacturing.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a slight overall increase. Services will probably show seasonal gains primarily in private educational services. Transportation and public utilities may also exhibit normal seasonal increases. Unemployment is expected to show a small decrease as employment moves up.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1989*	December 1988**	January 1988**	Net Change From December 1988	Net Change From January 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.7	129.2	128.4	- 0.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.5	17.8	- 0.2	- 0.5
Durable Goods	12.4	12.4	12.8	0	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.1	7.0	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.8	1.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.2	5.9	0	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Good	4.9	5.1	5.0	- 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.0	3.2	3.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	6.3	6.4	5.6	- 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.1	8.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.8	32.0	31.5	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.3	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.4	24.7	24.0	- 0.3	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.4	6.4	6.9	0	- 0.5
SERVICES	30.5	30.3	29.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	25.1	25.3	25.5	- 0.2	- 0.4
Federal	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	20.2	20.5	20.6	- 0.3	- 0.4
State	6.3	6.4	6.3	- 0.1	0
Local	13.9	14.1	14.3	- 0.2	- 0.4

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88**	Jan. '89*	Dec. '88**	Jan. '88*
All MANUFACTURING	$469.27	$476.60	$441.86	41.2	41.3	39.7	$11.39	$11.54	$11.1
Lumber and Wood Products	288.49	317.26	209.82	33.9	36.3	33.2	8.51	8.74	6.3
Metals and Machinery	444.24	472.84	460.36	45.1	43.3	45.4	9.85	10.92	10.1
Food and Kindred Products	321.02	338.02	325.13	41.8	42.2	41.0	7.68	8.01	7.9
Printing and Publishing	207.75	256.93	342.18	26.6	29.6	35.9	7.81	8.68	9.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	600.26	568.96	546.62	45.2	44.8	46.6	13.28	12.70	11.7

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Shreveport LMA in January dropped to 128,700, down from 129,200 in December and slightly above the January 1988 estimate of 128,400. Total manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment for January fell below the December estimates.

The employment estimate of 17,300 for total manufacturing in January was 200 less than the December estimate. The job losses were in nondurable goods manufacturing and were caused by less production of food and kindred products and reduced printing and publishing activities.

Nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 111,400, shows a 300 drop from the revised December estimate. This employment decline resulted from job losses in mining, construction, trade, and government sectors. Employment gains in transportation and public utilities and services helped to offset some of this loss.

Average weekly earnings for an estimated 13,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased to $469.27, down from $476.60 in December. Average weekly hours, at 41.2, compares to 41.3 in December and 39.7 one year ago. Average hourly earnings of $11.39 are slightly less than $11.54 in December and up from $11.13 in January 1988.

The current civilian labor force of 158,700 included 140,600 employed and 18,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate for January was 11.4 percent for the Shreveport area.

The outlook is for no significant change through the end of the first quarter. Total employment may increase slightly, while total unemployment remains high and near the January estimate.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,500,300 for February, an increase of 2,300 above January's level and 16,900 above the February a year ago figure. The increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls for the current month was centered in the government segment. Manufacturing employment was lower for the current month as both durable and nondurable goods payrolls dropped.

Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 74,600, was a decrease of 800 workers from the January revised level. A temporary shutdown by a firm in the millwork, plywood and structural members sector was largely responsible for lower employment in the lumber and wood products industry. Transportation equipment employment dropped due to less business in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing for February amounted to 94,200, a decrease of 400 below last month's level, but 1,100 higher than February a year ago. Less business for several segments in the food and kindred products industry accounted for the drop in non-durable goods-manufacturing employment.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during February was 1,331,500, an increase of 3,500 from the January figure of 1,328,000. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration of oil and gas. Employment in construction was down as a result of decreased business throughout most of the construction industry. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment levels as a result of more activity in trucking and warehousing, the state's ports, and in the communications services sectors. A decrease in trade was centered in the retail segment as department stores, apparel stores, and variety and discount outlets cut their payrolls. Contributing to the downturn in finance, insurance, and real estate employment were payroll reductions in banking and real estate. Among the segments most instrumental in the higher payroll level exhibited for services in February were business services, educational services, and social services. Government employment for the current month moved higher largely as a result of increases in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,100 production workers in manufacturing increased from $462.58 in January to $470.79 in February, an increase of $8.21, and an increase of $16.35 above February of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.25 higher in February than last month, and $0.47 higher than February a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.7 during February, a decrease of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 220,100. The unemployment rate for February was 11.7 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for February was 5.6 percent. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,875,100 workers. Estimated total employment fell to 1,655,000 for the current month.

The unemployment rate for the state is expected to decrease during the next 30 days. Certain segments of nonmanufacturing, in particular construction, should move upward in the next few months. Manufacturing employment may go up in the next month or two.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,500.3	1,498.0	1,483.4	+ 2.3	+16.9
MINING	56.8	57.3	56.1	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.2	54.7	53.5	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	82.6	83.3	76.7	- 0.7	+ 5.9
MANUFACTURING	168.8	170.0	167.0	- 1.2	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	74.6	75.4	73.9	- 0.8	+ 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.6	12.2	12.4	- 0.6	- 0.8
Furniture and Fixtures	0.7	0.6	0.7	+ 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.4	5.5	5.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	12.7	11.8	0	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.1	9.0	8.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.5	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	22.9	23.1	22.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.1	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	94.2	94.6	93.1	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	19.1	19.5	19.0	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.0	10.1	9.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.4	11.8	0	+ 0.6
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.4	27.3	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.0	11.0	11.3	0	- 0.3
Petroleum Refining	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.8	0	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	108.9	107.8	105.8	+ 1.1	+ 3.1
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	63.1	62.5	60.5	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Water Transportation	25.5	25.5	25.0	0	+ 0.5
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.7	40.2	40.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.6	18.2	17.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.1	22.0	22.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	357.6	359.6	353.6	- 2.0	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	80.8	81.1	80.9	- 0.3	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.3	45.3	45.6	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	35.5	35.8	35.3	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	276.8	278.5	272.7	- 1.7	+ 4.1
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.3	59.1	55.8	- 0.8	+ 2.5
Food Stores	55.2	55.5	55.1	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.5	29.8	28.8	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	84.4	84.1	82.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Other Retail Trade	49.4	50.0	50.4	- 0.6	- 1.0

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change from Jan. 1989	Net Change from Feb. 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	81.1	81.6	82.8	- 0.5	- 1.7
Banking	22.6	22.8	23.9	- 0.2	- 1.3
SERVICES	328.3	327.1	324.5	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.1	21.0	20.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Personal Services	14.4	14.6	14.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Business Services	62.6	62.3	59.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.5	9.4	0	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.1	5.0	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.4	8.3	7.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Health Services	105.1	105.0	102.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Legal Services	16.0	15.9	15.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Educational Services	20.5	20.3	22.6	+ 0.2	- 2.1
Social Services	18.7	18.4	18.9	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.3	25.2	25.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	16.0	15.9	15.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	316.2	311.3	316.9	+ 4.9	- 0.7
Federal	36.4	36.3	36.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	279.8	275.0	280.8	+ 4.8	- 1.0
State	93.0	88.5	97.1	+ 4.5	- 4.1
Local	186.8	186.5	183.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.1

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$470.79	$462.58	$454.44	41.7	41.9	42.0	$11.29	$11.04	$10.82
Durable Goods	426.17	415.49	409.21	41.7	41.8	42.1	10.22	9.94	9.72
Lumber & Wood Products	375.76	357.01	368.24	44.0	42.4	44.1	8.54	8.42	8.35
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	355.42	359.85	361.38	38.3	39.5	39.8	9.28	9.11	9.08
Fabricated Metal Products	400.89	414.04	430.51	41.5	43.4	44.2	9.66	9.54	9.74
Machinery, ex. Electrical	398.16	397.74	382.47	42.0	42.0	41.8	9.48	9.47	9.15
Electric & Electronic Equip.	602.65	532.12	495.60	42.5	42.4	41.3	14.18	12.55	12.00
Transportation Equipment	462.17	453.17	430.61	40.9	40.9	40.7	11.30	11.08	10.58
Nondurable Goods	508.74	502.80	492.40	41.7	41.9	41.8	12.20	12.00	11.78
Food & Kindred Products	286.30	289.94	293.46	36.8	38.1	37.1	7.98	7.61	7.91
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	211.55	213.59	202.45	36.6	36.7	37.7	5.78	5.82	5.37
Paper & Allied Products	570.71	576.79	565.47	43.8	44.3	43.1	13.03	13.02	13.12
Printing & Publishing	392.70	410.50	385.94	37.4	38.4	37.8	10.50	10.69	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	730.03	722.93	709.32	45.4	45.9	46.0	16.08	15.75	15.42
Petroleum & Coal Products	726.34	680.41	673.93	46.0	43.7	45.2	15.79	15.57	14.91
Petroleum Refining	740.59	690.90	684.33	46.2	43.7	45.2	16.03	15.81	15.14
MINING	543.46	564.10	539.16	45.9	46.2	46.6	11.84	12.21	11.57
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	498.00	518.93	501.47	40.0	40.7	39.3	12.45	12.75	12.76
BANKING	281.22	277.83	269.65	37.9	37.8	37.4	7.42	7.35	7.21

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,100 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1989				REVISED JANUARY 1989				REVISED FEBRUARY 1988			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,875.1	1,655.0	220.1	11.7	1,887.9	1,663.9	224.0	11.9	1,904.4	1,678.3	226.1	11.9
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	58.7	52.1	6.6	11.3	59.6	52.8	6.8	11.4	59.5	53.0	6.5	10.9
Baton Rouge 2/	264.3	239.2	25.1	9.5	265.6	238.3	27.3	10.3	265.0	238.6	26.4	9.9
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.3	60.2	8.1	11.8	68.6	60.6	8.0	11.7	70.8	61.4	9.4	13.3
Lafayette 4/	97.2	87.1	10.1	10.4	97.3	87.1	10.2	10.5	98.6	87.7	10.9	11.0
Lake Charles 5/	72.8	64.1	8.7	11.9	73.6	64.9	8.7	11.8	75.3	65.2	10.1	13.4
Monroe 6/	66.3	58.8	7.5	11.4	66.6	59.1	7.5	11.2	69.4	61.7	7.7	11.1
New Orleans 7/	581.1	524.5	56.6	9.7	584.8	527.7	57.1	9.8	590.1	532.8	57.3	9.7
Shreveport 8/	157.6	139.2	18.4	11.7	158.7	140.5	18.2	11.5	162.2	143.4	18.8	11.6

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

NOTICE

Revised Labor Force data for years 1980 through 1988 are now available for the State, MSA's and parishes, by contacting:

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
February 1988	116.0		
February 1989	121.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.8

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 89				REVISED JANUARY 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,650	18,775	2,875	13.3	21,925	19,000	2,925	13.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,350	8,025	1,325	14.2	9,450	8,050	1,400	14.8
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,425	4,975	1,450	22.4	6,600	5,000	1,600	24.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,850	12,650	3,200	20.2	16,175	12,725	3,450	21.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,075	11,475	1,600	12.3	13,050	11,475	1,575	12.0
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,825	5,875	950	13.9	6,725	5,850	875	13.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,275	3,325	950	22.0	4,050	3,350	700	17.0
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,525	3,925	600	13.4	4,625	4,025	600	12.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,075	3,025	1,050	25.7	4,175	3,075	1,100	26.5
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,900	7,025	875	11.0	7,925	7,075	850	10.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,075	8,150	1,925	19.1	10,250	8,250	2,000	19.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,525	10,800	1,725	13.8	12,500	10,775	1,725	13.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,250	2,900	1,350	31.7	4,225	2,925	1,300	30.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,175	6,175	1,000	14.0	7,375	6,300	1,075	14.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,150	11,100	2,050	15.5	13,050	11,100	1,950	14.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,050	6,400	1,650	20.4	8,150	6,500	1,650	20.2
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,725	1,075	15.8	6,925	5,875	1,050	15.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,750	21,625	3,125	12.6	25,025	21,750	3,275	13.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,125	9,225	1,900	17.2	11,275	9,250	2,025	18.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,625	5,825	800	12.0	6,575	5,875	700	10.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,050	9,225	1,825	16.5	11,200	9,375	1,825	16.3
JENA (LASALLE)	6,775	5,625	1,150	16.9	6,575	5,650	925	14.1
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,900	15,800	1,100	6.4	16,875	15,775	1,100	6.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,600	4,425	1,175	20.9	5,700	4,475	1,225	21.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,475	10,175	2,300	18.4	12,675	10,300	2,375	18.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,825	13,850	1,975	12.5	16,050	13,975	2,075	13.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,525	7,400	1,125	13.1	8,475	7,400	1,075	12.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,225	5,725	1,500	20.7	7,550	5,800	1,750	23.2
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,150	3,575	575	13.9	4,250	3,600	650	15.2
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,625	7,175	1,450	16.9	8,750	7,175	1,575	18.0
MANY (SABINE)	9,725	8,575	1,150	11.9	9,725	8,575	1,150	11.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,825	2,425	400	14.1	2,900	2,475	425	14.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,900	6,600	1,300	16.5	8,025	6,575	1,450	18.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,650	24,975	5,675	18.5	30,925	25,125	5,800	18.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,425	20,575	3,850	15.8	24,425	20,625	3,800	15.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	36,925	31,450	5,475	14.8	37,700	31,775	5,925	15.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,025	2,475	550	17.8	3,125	2,500	625	19.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,250	7,075	1,175	14.3	8,250	7,125	1,125	13.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,400	15,300	3,100	16.8	18,625	15,525	3,100	16.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,200	16,150	2,050	11.3	18,375	16,250	2,125	11.6
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,375	15,475	2,900	15.8	18,225	15,625	2,600	14.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,700	16,725	2,975	15.1	19,725	16,875	2,850	14.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,850	3,400	1,450	30.0	4,900	3,425	1,475	29.9
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,100	3,525	575	14.2	4,200	3,525	675	15.8
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,825	5,100	725	12.5	5,825	5,150	675	11.8

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.0	45.1	44.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.8	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Retail Trade	8.8	8.9	8.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
General Merchandise	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.6	10.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Health Services	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	13.0	12.8	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	3.1	3.0	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.9	9.8	10.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.5	4.4	4.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Local	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,000 for the month of February. This estimate was 100 less than last month but 500 more than February of last year.

Employment in manufacturing remained unchanged from the previous month but declined by 100 from February 1988. The decline resulted from a decrease in durable goods.

February estimated employment in nonmanufacturing was 41,700. This figure was down by 100 from last month but up 600 compared to the same period a year ago. Although an increase was noted in government, decreases in construction, wholesale and retail trade, and services resulted in the overall decreases from last month. The increase from February 1988 was a result of gains in wholesale and retail trade, services, and government with a decline in construction.

During the next thirty days employment should improve slightly, due to normal seasonal increases, with a corresponding decline in the number of unemployed.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change From Jan. 1989	Net Change From Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	221.4	218.4	216.1	+ 3.0	+ 5.3
MANUFACTURING	19.3	19.2	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.2	4.1	4.2	+ 0.1	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.2	1.1	1.2	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	22.9	23.4	21.3	- 0.5	+ 1.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.6	53.4	50.5	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.9	11.4	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.0	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.7	41.5	39.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.6	13.6	0	0
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	45.9	46.0	44.8	- 0.1	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	54.6	51.3	55.3	+ 3.3	- 0.7
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	52.3	49.0	53.0	+ 3.3	- 0.7
State	29.8	26.5	30.6	+ 3.3	- 0.8
Local	22.5	22.5	22.4	0	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$537.63	$559.80	$550.31	42.3	43.7	43.4	$12.71	$12.81	$12.68
Petro-Chemicals	691.30	717.88	723.54	44.6	45.9	46.5	15.50	15.64	15.56

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 221,400 for February, an increase of 3,000 from the January revised estimate and an increase of 5,300 from the year-ago total. The increase in employment for the current month was centered in nonmanufacturing, due to a seasonal increase in government.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 19,300, showed an increase of 100 over the month and 200 from the previous year. Durable goods was the sole contributor to the current increases, due to more business in the fabricated metal industry. Nondurable goods employment held steady for the current period, but showed a small gain from a year ago.

Nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 202,100, showed an increase of 2,900 currently and an increase of 5,100 from the prior year. Less demand in the need for general contractors, other than building, caused construction employment to drop slightly. Retail trade employment was up mainly due to more business in department stores and apparel and accessory stores. Services exhibited a small decrease in the need for personal services for the current period. State government employment for the current month was up, largely as a result of the hiring of students for the beginning of the spring semester at local colleges and universities. All other sectors in nonmanufacturing remained unchanged for the current period.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $537.63, a decrease of $22.17 from the January revised average. Average weekly hours dropped 1.4 hours for the current period for an average of 42.3 hours worked. Average hourly earnings, at $12.71, was down $0.10 per hour. A shorter scheduled work week contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge area is estimated at 264,300, comprised of 239,200 employed, and 25,100 unemployed. The local unemployment rate presently is 9.5 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Services Office served 1,852 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 242 applicants in jobs during February.

Nonagricultural employment is expected to remain the same, with the possibility of more business in construction and retail trade. Unemployment should decline slightly as employment picks up.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change From Jan. 1989	Net Change From Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.4	53.2	52.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
MINING	5.8	5.7	5.8	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	6.0	0	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.4	13.4	0	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	10.5	10.5	10.7	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.4	9.3	8.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.4	10.6	0	- 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.9	9.9	10.2	0	- 0.3
State	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.3	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in February pushed up to 53,400, a level 200 above January. The minor changes were mostly seasonal in nature. Since February 1988, total employment displayed a gain of 500.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300, at the same level as the previous month. The durable goods segment remained unchanged. The nondurable goods segment was at the same level as the previous month.

Mining added workers, largely in oil and gas field services. Construction remained on the same level. In transportation, scattered small gains were offset by small losses in other segments. Both wholesale trade and retail trade showed no significant overall change. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Services were boosted by an increase in private health services. Government exhibited no change of any importance.

Estimated unemployment was 8,100 in February. Unemployment presently comprises 11.8 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,231.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to exhibit a normal seasonal increase. Mining and construction will probably gain as weather becomes more favorable for outside activity. Water transportation will likely show some increases. Unemployment is expected to decrease as employment increases.

LAFAYETTE AREA -
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change From Jan. 1989	Net Change From Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	84.7	84.4	83.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	6.9	7.0	6.9	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.3	5.2	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 0.1	0
MINING	11.3	11.3	11.2	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.4	3.3	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	5.7	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.1	23.1	22.6	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.2	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	17.8	17.9	17.4	- 0.1	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Food Stores	2.6	2.7	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.5	10.5	10.1	0	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	17.9	17.9	17.7	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.5	12.2	12.7	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.7	11.4	11.8	+ 0.3	- 0.1
State	4.7	4.4	4.8	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 84,700, an increase of 300 workers from the January 1989 revised figure.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 workers due to a seasonal drop in the food and kindred products sector. Construction was up by 100 from the prior month and compared to a year ago has increased by 400 workers. Government rose by 300 for February due to students being hired for the spring semester. All other segments showed little or no change from the previous month.

For the next 30 days, employment as well as the unemployment rate is expected to remain close to the current level.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change From Jan. 1989	Net Change From Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	59.2	58.0	- 0.4	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	10.8	11.0	11.1	- 0.2	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.5	2.6	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.3	8.4	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.6	7.7	7.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	4.2	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.7	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.3	11.3	10.8	0	+ 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.6	2.5	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	11.8	12.2	11.6	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.4	10.6	0	- 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.8	10.0	0	- 0.2
State	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
Local	6.8	6.8	6.7	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA for February 1989 stood at 58,800, a decrease of 400 from the January 1989 revised estimate. Compared to a year ago, the work force has increased by 800 workers, the majority of the growth coming in the construction and trade sectors of the economy.

Manufacturing was down by 200 from January's revised estimate. The drop occurred in the other durable goods sector and chemical and petroleum products sector. Services fell by 400 workers from the prior month; the drop was spread across the services sector. Construction was up by 100 workers from January's figure. Trade increased by 100 workers from the prior month. All other sectors showed no change from the previous month.

The unemployment rate will probably remain close to the present level for the next thirty days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change From Jan. 1989	Net Change From Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.7	53.6	54.8	+ 0.1	- 1.1
MANUFACTURING	7.4	7.5	7.4	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	2.1	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	3.0	2.9	- 0.3	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.7	14.1	- 0.3	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.5	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.0	10.2	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.2	4.4	+ 0.2	0
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.4	10.7	11.7	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.8	10.1	11.1	+ 0.7	- 0.3
State	4.6	3.9	4.7	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Local	6.2	6.2	6.4	0	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,700, was 100 above the 53,600 estimate for January, 1989.

Manufacturing experienced a minimal loss of 100, as it dropped to an estimated 7,400 workers. The loss was in durable goods.

Construction continued to be depressed as it declined another 100 workers. Transportation and public utilities declined by 300 to an estimated 2,000. Wholesale and retail trade followed its normal pattern dropping another 300 workers. Finance, insurance and real estate gained 200 workers, rising to 4,400 workers. The largest gain, 700, was in government and reflects the opening of the spring semester at educational facilities. There was no movement in mining or services.

Employment should begin to inch upward as weather conditions improve. Unemployment continues to run high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change From Jan. 1989	Net Change From Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	516.7	515.9	510.9	+ 0.8	+ 5.8
MANUFACTURING	42.7	42.8	43.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Durable Goods	22.2	22.3	22.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.7	13.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.0	10.1	9.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.5	20.5	21.0	0	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.2	15.3	15.2	- 0.1	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.3	14.4	14.3	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.8	22.0	21.3	- 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.3	44.1	43.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Water Transportation	13.2	13.1	13.2	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.1	133.7	131.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade	32.0	31.8	31.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.2	18.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.6	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	102.1	101.9	100.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
General Merchandise	13.9	13.9	13.5	0	+ 0.4
Food Stores	20.3	20.1	20.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	34.3	34.0	33.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.7	33.9	33.8	- 0.2	- 0.1
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	138.5	137.7	135.8	+ 0.8	+ 2.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.0	13.1	+ 0.1	0
Health Services	37.3	37.2	36.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
GOVERNMENT	86.4	86.4	86.7	0	- 0.3
Federal	16.1	16.0	15.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	70.3	70.4	70.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
State	18.4	18.5	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Local	51.9	51.9	51.9	0	0

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$437.66	$428.67	$425.82	40.3	40.1	40.4	$10.86	$10.69	$10.54
Durable Goods	384.56	375.88	378.50	40.1	39.4	39.8	9.59	9.54	9.51
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	287.68	283.03	273.11	31.1	31.0	31.0	9.25	9.13	8.81
Fabricated Metal Products	365.36	383.36	426.01	35.3	39.4	41.2	10.35	9.73	10.34
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	372.04	361.49	352.54	41.2	39.9	39.7	9.03	9.06	8.88
Nondurable Goods	494.91	487.53	474.03	40.5	40.9	40.9	12.22	11.92	11.59
Food & Kindred Products	309.16	314.94	326.88	35.7	36.2	37.4	8.66	8.70	8.74
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	195.48	200.00	179.12	36.2	36.9	32.1	5.40	5.42	5.58
Paper & Allied Products	405.48	390.74	400.79	43.6	45.7	45.7	9.30	8.55	8.77
Printing & Publishing	374.23	413.71	360.19	38.7	40.8	38.4	9.67	10.14	9.38
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	783.55	724.46	755.25	44.8	44.5	47.5	17.49	16.28	15.90

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 29,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in February increased to 516,700, a level 800 above January. Decreases in some industry divisions were offset by larger increases in others. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 5,800 workers, with increases in construction, transportation and public utilities, wholesale and retail trade, and services.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,700, down 100 from the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing experienced a loss of employment due to the completion of contracts and orders.

Mining lost workers mostly in the oil and gas extraction segment. Construction showed a small seasonal decrease. An increase in transportation and public utilities was primarily due to a rise in local port activity. Wholesale and retail trade exhibited moderate overall gains. Finance, insurance and real estate edged downward. Advancements in services were largely attributed to growth in the business services segment. Government registered no change from the previous month.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $437.66 per week in February, up $8.99 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.3, up 0.2 of an hour from previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.86, up $0.17 over the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $11.84 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment for February is 56,600. The unemployment rate is 9.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,311.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show a slight overall increase. Gains will probably be attributed to normal seasonal gains in construction, mining and transportation and public utilities. Unemployment is expected to show a small decrease as employment picks up.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1989*	Jan. 1989**	Feb. 1988**	Net Change From Jan. 1989	Net Change From Feb. 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.0	128.4	128.8	- 0.4	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	17.2	17.3	17.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	12.4	12.4	12.8	0	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.5	0	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	1.6	0	+ 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.2	5.9	0	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.9	5.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	6.0	6.1	5.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.3	8.0	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.4	31.6	31.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.1	24.3	23.7	- 0.2	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.4	6.4	6.8	0	- 0.4
SERVICES	30.2	30.4	30.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	25.5	25.3	25.7	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
State and Local	20.6	20.4	20.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
State	6.3	6.3	6.5	0	- 0.2
Local	14.3	14.1	14.3	+ 0.2	0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**	Feb. '89*	Jan. '89**	Feb. '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$475.21	$476.74	$455.36	39.8	41.6	39.7	$11.94	$11.46	$11.47
Lumber and Wood Products	270.76	288.49	214.86	33.1	33.9	29.8	8.18	8.51	7.21
Metals and Machinery	414.80	444.24	460.93	42.5	45.1	42.6	9.76	9.85	10.82
Food and Kindred Products	390.78	321.02	293.18	46.8	41.8	37.3	8.35	7.68	7.86
Printing and Publishing	284.80	275.32	334.78	29.3	29.7	34.8	9.72	9.27	9.62
Petroleum and Coal Products	770.08	600.26	534.11	51.1	45.2	42.9	15.07	13.28	12.45

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural employment total for February in the Shreveport MSA declined to 128,000, down from the revised January estimate of 128,400, and 800 less than the year ago estimate. There was an over-the-month loss in both manufacturing and non-manufacturing employment.

The manufacturing employment estimate of 17,200 declined slightly from the revised January estimate of 17,300. Durable goods manufacturing employment held steady while nondurable goods employment decreased from 4,900 to 4,800, caused by job losses in garment manufacturing and in other nondurable goods production.

The employment estimate for total nonmanufacturing in February dropped to 110,800, down from 111,100 in January and 111,000 one year ago. Job losses in construction, trade and services were more than could be replaced with an employment increase in the government sector, the only over-the-month employment gain.

The average weekly hours of an estimated 12,600 production workers in manufacturing in this MSA dropped slightly to $475.21, down $1.53 from last month. The average weekly hours dropped from 41.6 in January to 39.8, while the average hourly earnings increased to $11.94, up from $11.46 in January.

The civilian labor force of 157,600 included 139,200 employed and 18,400 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 11.7 percent for the Shreveport MSA.

An anticipated payroll reduction will affect over three hundred production workers with a manufacturing firm within the next sixty days. Total employment will show a small gain during the second quarter when the 1989 racing season begins. Total unemployment is expected to remain high, but decline from the present level.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY, 1989

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,890	2,413	477	70	59	11	30	25	5
Contract Construction (15-17)	12,841	8,782	4,059	435	340	95	1,904	1,396	508
Manufacturing (20-29)	5,462	2,686	2,776	107	69	38	233	130	103
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,981	1,154	827	56	36	20	169	81	88
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,348	900	448	50	40	10	160	102	58
Retail Trade (52-59)	5,770	3,333	2,437	205	132	73	569	288	281
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,389	1,079	310	32	31	1	185	145	40
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	9,593	4,887	4,706	288	173	115	931	485	446
Public Administration (91-97)	1,377	658	719	62	36	26	155	58	97
All Others	122	68	54	0	0	0	23	7	16
Totals	42,773	25,960	16,813	1,305	916	389	4,359	2,717	1,642
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,471	3,598	873	112	98	14	470	370	100
Clerical and Sales	7,861	5,585	2,276	268	212	56	853	569	284
Services Occupations	4,286	1,412	2,874	190	74	116	386	96	290
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	1,411	384	1,027	32	16	16	55	17	38
Processing Occupations	1,348	692	656	10	7	3	60	31	29
Machine Trades	2,024	1,360	664	66	55	11	208	156	52
Benchwork Occupations	1,183	564	619	30	16	14	62	37	25
Structural Work Occupations	12,883	8,426	4,457	445	343	102	1,847	1,231	616
Miscellaneous Occupations	7,306	3,939	3,367	152	95	57	418	210	208
Totals	42,773	25,960	16,813	1,305	916	389	4,359	2,717	1,642

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY, 1969

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	208	170	38	462	382	80	54	50	4
Contract Construction (15-17)	274	233	41	360	233	127	474	366	108
Manufacturing (20-29)	443	321	122	177	83	94	123	58	65
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	119	95	24	74	54	20	76	51	25
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	90	77	13	63	43	20	33	23	10
Retail Trade (52-59)	200	143	57	288	166	122	279	200	79
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	17	17	0	97	81	16	48	43	5
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	205	145	60	384	234	150	284	187	97
Public Administration (91-97)	47	29	18	40	27	13	41	27	14
All Others	1	1	0	5	3	2	1	0	1
Totals	1,604	1,231	373	1,950	1,306	644	1,413	1,005	408
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	163	149	14	296	265	31	156	138	18
Clerical and Sales	189	158	31	444	352	92	316	260	56
Services Occupations	127	83	44	231	89	142	136	56	80
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	27	8	19	38	17	21	55	9	46
Processing Occupations	289	213	76	94	41	53	40	22	18
Machine Trades	80	68	12	68	42	26	56	44	12
Benchwork Occupations	27	16	11	39	22	17	26	22	4
Structural Work Occupations	390	315	75	396	260	136	429	328	101
Miscellaneous Occupations	312	221	91	344	218	126	199	126	73
Totals	1,604	1,231	373	1,950	1,306	644	1,413	1,005	408

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY, 1989

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	33	30	3	171	126	45	150	130	20
Contract Construction (15-17)	531	421	110	2,295	1,404	891	852	518	334
Manufacturing (20-29)	127	63	64	1,032	497	535	407	173	234
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	37	24	13	794	394	400	150	83	67
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	20	14	6	477	300	177	159	105	54
Retail Trade (52-59)	280	156	124	1,868	948	920	553	292	261
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	25	20	5	577	407	170	185	138	47
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	312	183	129	2,868	1,403	1,465	896	432	464
Public Administration (91-97)	50	18	32	340	120	220	134	57	77
All Others	2	2	0	47	34	13	1	1	0
Totals	1,417	931	486	10,469	5,633	4,836	3,487	1,929	1,558
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	148	129	19	1,768	1,322	446	375	309	66
Clerical and Sales	304	216	88	2,713	1,679	1,034	778	580	198
Services Occupations	171	33	138	1,303	309	994	508	103	405
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	19	9	10	72	25	47	71	28	43
Processing Occupations	9	3	6	220	75	145	52	14	38
Machine Trades	88	62	26	448	290	158	187	99	88
Benchwork Occupations	30	20	10	211	66	145	112	48	64
Structural Work Occupations	395	317	78	2,310	1,308	1,002	824	510	314
Miscellaneous Occupations	253	142	111	1,424	559	865	580	238	342
Totals	1,417	931	486	10,469	5,633	4,836	3,487	1,929	1,558

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,510,000 for March, an increase of 9,000 from the February revised figure and 13,300 above the comparable period a year ago. The increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls was centered in the construction sector. Manufacturing employment was higher as both the durable and nondurable goods segments experienced increases.

Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased to 75,700 during March, up by 800 workers over the February level. Increased activity at sawmills and planing mills resulted in higher employment for the lumber and wood products industry. More demand for concrete, gypsum and plaster products accounted for the increase in stone, clay and glass products employment. Higher employment in the fabricated structural metal products industry contributed to the increase in fabricated metal products payrolls.

Employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing was estimated at 94,600, an increase of 700 workers from last month. An increase in the manufacturing of men's and boys' furnishings was among the factors resulting in growth in the apparel and other textile products industry. Less business in several segments of the chemicals and allied products industry resulted in lower employment levels.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,339,700 for the current month, was 7,500 below last month's level. Mining employment was down by 100 workers. General building construction, heavy construction and several special trades all experienced employment growth in March, with heavy construction showing the largest increase. Smaller communications and public utilities payrolls were responsible for the lower transportation and public utilities employment for the current month. Both the wholesale and retail trade segments were responsible for the upturn in trade employment. Finance, insurance and real estate payrolls remained at 81,200 workers for March. Increases in business services, health services and membership organizations were significant in the rise of services employment. Government employment in March was up in large part to an increase in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 124,800 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $464.63 in February to $464.12 in March, a decrease of $0.51, but an increase of $2.34 above March of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.12 lower in March than last month, but $0.29 higher than March, 1988. Weekly hours averaged 41.7 during March, an increase of 0.4 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 180,800. The unemployment rate for March was 9.6 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for March was 5.2 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,888,700 workers. Estimated total employment rose to 1,707,900 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	February 1989	March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,510.0	1,501.0	1,496.7	+ 9.0	+13.3
MINING	56.9	56.8	56.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.3	54.2	53.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	87.1	83.6	81.9	+ 3.5	+ 5.2
MANUFACTURING	170.3	168.8	168.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.0
Durable Goods	75.7	74.9	75.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	12.0	11.8	12.5	+ 0.2	− 0.5
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.7	0.7	− 0.1	− 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.7	5.5	5.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	12.9	12.7	12.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.1	8.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.4	6.8	+ 0.1	− 0.3
Transportation Equipment	23.0	22.9	23.3	+ 0.1	− 0.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.6	93.9	93.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Food & Kindred Products	18.9	19.0	19.2	− 0.1	− 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.5	10.1	9.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.3	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	10.0	9.9	10.0	+ 0.1	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.4	27.2	26.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.0	11.0	11.3	0	− 0.3
Petroleum Refining	10.1	10.2	10.4	− 0.1	− 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.7	0	− 0.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	107.9	108.1	106.3	− 0.2	+ 1.6
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	− 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.8	62.6	60.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Water Transportation	25.5	25.2	24.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.0	40.4	40.4	− 0.4	− 0.4
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.3	18.0	− 0.2	+ 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	22.1	22.4	− 0.2	− 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	360.2	357.9	356.2	+ 2.3	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	81.5	80.8	81.5	+ 0.7	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.6	45.3	45.8	+ 0.3	− 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	35.9	35.5	35.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	278.7	277.1	274.7	+ 1.6	+ 4.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	58.8	58.3	56.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Food Stores	55.4	55.2	55.5	+ 0.2	− 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.6	29.5	29.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	85.1	84.6	83.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Other Retail Trade	49.8	49.5	50.3	+ 0.3	− 0.5

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	February 1989	March 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	81.2	81.2	82.9	0	- 1.7
Banking	22.6	22.6	23.8	0	- 1.2
SERVICES	329.6	328.0	327.5	+ 1.6	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.0	21.2	20.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Personal Services	14.6	14.4	15.0	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Business Services	62.7	62.2	60.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.5	9.6	+ 0.1	0
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.0	5.1	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	8.4	8.3	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	105.8	105.2	103.2	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Legal Services	16.0	16.0	15.4	0	+ 0.6
Educational Services	20.1	20.4	22.7	- 0.3	- 2.6
Social Services	18.6	18.7	19.1	- 0.1	- 0.5
Membership Organizations	25.7	25.4	25.8	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	16.0	16.0	15.9	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	316.8	316.6	317.1	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	36.6	36.5	36.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
State and Local	280.2	280.1	281.1	+ 0.1	- 0.9
State	93.5	93.2	97.3	+ 0.3	- 3.8
Local	186.7	186.9	183.8	- 0.2	+ 2.9

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* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$464.12	$464.63	$461.78	41.7	41.3	42.6	$11.13	$11.25	$10.84
Durable Goods	418.06	422.89	414.50	42.4	41.5	42.6	9.86	10.19	9.73
Lumber & Wood Products	359.89	367.21	351.60	43.1	43.1	43.3	8.35	8.52	8.12
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	328.99	351.54	378.63	36.8	37.8	41.2	8.94	9.30	9.19
Fabricated Metal Products	432.90	400.48	439.20	45.0	41.5	45.0	9.62	9.65	9.76
Machinery, ex. Electrical	393.39	393.54	395.16	42.3	41.6	44.3	9.30	9.46	8.92
Electric & Electronic Equip.	503.30	598.77	512.12	40.2	42.8	41.4	12.52	13.99	12.37
Transportation Equipment	463.49	462.89	438.54	42.6	41.0	41.1	10.88	11.29	10.67
Nondurable Goods	505.11	499.78	503.11	41.2	41.1	42.6	12.26	12.16	11.81
Food & Kindred Products	290.67	289.91	304.15	37.7	37.7	38.5	7.71	7.69	7.90
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	207.21	207.19	200.63	36.1	35.6	37.5	5.74	5.82	5.35
Paper & Allied Products	572.87	520.40	571.59	40.6	40.0	43.8	14.11	13.01	13.05
Printing & Publishing	395.12	390.29	390.53	37.1	37.1	38.1	10.65	10.52	10.25
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	757.90	728.62	733.63	46.9	45.2	47.7	16.16	16.12	15.38
Petroleum & Coal Products	649.27	712.78	660.38	41.7	45.4	44.5	15.57	15.70	14.84
Petroleum Refining	663.28	726.41	672.40	41.9	45.6	44.5	15.83	15.93	15.11
MINING	532.80	539.90	537.31	45.0	45.6	46.2	11.84	11.84	11.63
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	504.56	508.73	496.66	40.3	39.9	39.2	12.52	12.75	12.67
BANKING	276.70	276.72	270.38	36.6	36.7	37.5	7.56	7.54	7.21

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 124,800 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MARCH 1989				REVISED FEBRUARY 1989				REVISED MARCH 1988			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,888.7	1,707.9	180.8	9.6	1,877.0	1,655.2	221.8	11.8	1,929.4	1,706.3	223.1	11.6
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.1	53.6	5.5	9.3	58.7	52.1	6.6	11.3	59.9	53.5	6.4	10.7
Baton Rouge 2/	265.1	245.0	20.1	7.6	263.9	238.7	25.2	9.5	271.8	246.1	25.7	9.4
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.0	62.4	6.6	9.5	68.8	60.7	8.1	11.8	71.7	62.5	9.2	12.9
Lafayette 4/	98.2	89.9	8.3	8.5	97.2	87.0	10.2	10.5	100.1	89.4	10.7	10.7
Lake Charles 5/	72.7	65.5	7.2	9.9	72.9	64.1	8.8	12.1	75.6	65.9	9.7	12.8
Monroe 6/	69.4	63.1	6.3	9.0	66.4	58.8	7.6	11.4	69.8	62.0	7.8	11.2
New Orleans 7/	588.4	540.3	48.1	8.2	582.3	525.1	57.2	9.8	597.2	539.5	57.7	9.7
Shreveport 8/	157.8	142.8	15.0	9.5	157.3	138.8	18.5	11.8	163.9	145.4	18.5	11.3

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
March 1988	116.5		
March 1989	122.3	+ 0.6	+ 5.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY MARCH 89				REVISED FEBRUARY 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,625	19,400	2,225	10.3	21,675	18,800	2,875	13.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,150	8,075	1,075	11.8	9,300	7,975	1,325	14.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,150	5,150	1,000	16.1	6,400	4,975	1,425	22.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,675	13,125	2,550	16.3	15,800	12,600	3,200	20.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,100	11,850	1,250	9.5	13,050	11,450	1,600	12.2
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,775	6,000	775	11.4	6,825	5,875	950	13.9
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,250	3,450	800	18.8	4,325	3,350	975	22.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,600	4,100	500	10.7	4,500	3,900	600	13.2
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,000	3,200	800	20.2	4,075	3,025	1,050	25.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,950	7,250	700	8.8	7,900	7,025	875	11.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,025	8,550	1,475	14.7	10,100	8,175	1,925	19.1
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,500	11,100	1,400	11.3	12,600	10,825	1,775	14.1
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,075	3,050	1,025	25.1	4,300	2,925	1,375	32.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,150	6,400	750	10.6	7,175	6,175	1,000	14.1
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,150	11,525	1,625	12.3	13,175	11,100	2,075	15.7
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,975	6,700	1,275	16.0	8,075	6,400	1,675	20.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,850	5,925	925	13.6	6,775	5,700	1,075	15.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,075	22,475	2,600	10.4	24,850	21,675	3,175	12.8
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,100	9,500	1,600	14.4	11,175	9,250	1,925	17.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,725	5,975	750	11.2	6,650	5,800	850	12.7
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,100	9,600	1,500	13.5	11,075	9,250	1,825	16.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,775	5,850	925	13.8	6,775	5,625	1,150	16.8
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,250	16,350	900	5.3	16,875	15,825	1,050	6.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,475	4,600	875	15.9	5,550	4,400	1,150	20.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,200	10,525	1,675	13.8	12,525	10,200	2,325	18.6
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,075	14,350	1,725	10.7	15,850	13,850	2,000	12.6
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,625	7,675	950	10.9	8,525	7,400	1,125	13.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,050	5,975	1,075	15.3	7,250	5,750	1,500	20.7
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,225	3,700	525	12.6	4,200	3,575	625	14.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,600	7,475	1,125	13.1	8,625	7,200	1,425	16.9
MANY (SABINE)	9,725	8,750	975	10.0	9,700	8,550	1,150	11.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,800	2,500	300	10.4	2,825	2,425	400	14.0
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,800	6,775	1,025	13.1	7,900	6,600	1,300	16.3
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,575	25,875	4,700	15.4	30,825	25,025	5,800	18.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,350	21,350	3,000	12.3	24,450	20,600	3,850	15.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,125	32,425	4,700	12.7	36,975	31,475	5,500	14.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,050	2,625	425	13.8	3,025	2,475	550	18.0
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,325	7,350	975	11.7	8,250	7,075	1,175	14.3
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,450	15,925	2,525	13.7	18,425	15,325	3,100	16.9
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,525	16,775	1,750	9.5	18,250	16,125	2,125	11.7
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,525	16,075	2,450	13.2	18,400	15,450	2,950	16.0
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,575	17,325	2,250	11.5	19,600	16,650	2,950	15.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,825	3,575	1,250	26.0	4,925	3,400	1,525	31.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,175	3,750	425	10.1	4,125	3,525	600	14.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,900	5,325	575	9.9	5,850	5,125	725	12.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	Net Change From March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.1	44.9	44.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.7	2.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.7	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Retail Trade	8.7	8.8	8.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
General Merchandise	1.6	1.7	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.5	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.1	12.9	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Federal	3.1	3.0	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	10.0	9.9	10.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.7	0	- 0.2
Local	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,100 for the month of March. This estimate was an increase of 200 over last month and 400 more than March, 1988.

Employment in manufacturing remained unchanged from February at 3,300. This figure was also the same compared to March of last year.

Nonmanufacturing employment for the current month was estimated at 41,800, an overall increase of 200 compared to February. Increases occurred in government and construction while slight declines were noted in services and wholesale and retail trade. Compared to March of last year, increases in government and services, along with decreases in construction and wholesale and retail trade, combined for an overall increase of 400.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	Net Change From March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	221.1	221.1	220.4	0	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	19.4	19.3	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.3	4.2	4.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.7	0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.1	22.9	24.6	+ 0.2	- 1.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.2	53.3	50.7	- 0.1	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.9	11.4	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.0	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.3	41.4	39.3	- 0.1	+ 2.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.6	13.7	0	- 0.1
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	45.7	45.8	45.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	54.7	54.7	55.4	0	- 0.7
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	52.4	52.4	53.2	0	- 0.8
State	29.9	29.9	30.7	0	- 0.8
Local	22.5	22.5	22.5	0	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$549.44	$538.47	$538.04	42.2	42.2	42.6	$13.02	$12.76	$12.63
Petro-Chemicals	706.91	691.30	692.81	44.6	44.6	44.9	15.85	15.50	15.43

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, currently estimated at 221,100, remains unchanged from the February revised estimate, but is an increase of 700 from the comparable year-ago figure. More business in manufacturing offset seasonal decreases in nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 19,400, gained 100 over the previous month, due to more business in the durable goods industry of stone, clay and glass products. Over the year, manufacturing employment payrolls have increased in both durable and nondurable goods.

Total nonmanufacturing employment was estimated at 201,700, a loss of 100 over the previous month, but a gain of 400 over the year-ago figure. Construction was up 200 due to more business in special trade contractors. Seasonal losses occurred in retail trade and services, each losing 100 workers over the month. Transportation and public utilities also showed an employment loss of 100 since the previous month. Government employment held steady over the month, but showed a loss of 700 workers from the year-ago revised estimate, with the majority of the losses in state government. Federal government gained 100 workers over the year, while local government showed no change overall. Since last March, employment gains were reported mainly in wholesale and retail trade and services, but were partially offset by losses in all other segments of nonmanufacturing.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,000 production workers in all manufacturing for March was $549.44, an increase of $10.97 from the February revised average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings are up $11.40. Average weekly hours, at 42.2 for March, showed no change from the prior month. Average hourly earnings at $13.02, increased $0.26 from the revised average for February. More overtime by higher paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA is currently estimated at 265,100. Total employment moved upward to 245,000, while unemployment moved downward to 20,100. The local unemployment rate is 7.6 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,620 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 145 applicants in jobs during March, 1989.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	Net Change From March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.8	53.4	53.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3	4.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
MINING	5.9	5.8	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.4	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	10.6	10.5	10.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.4	9.4	9.2	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.5	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.0	10.1	+ 0.1	0
State	3.0	2.9	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in March increased to 53,800, a level 400 above February. The scattered small gains were largely seasonal in nature. Since March, 1988, total employment has increased by 200.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,300, the same level as the previous month. Both the durable and nondurable goods segments remained unchanged.

Mining showed a seasonal upturn mainly in oil and gas field services. State government edged upward due to increases in educational services. All other segments of nonmanufacturing were unchanged since February.

Estimated unemployment was 6,600 in March. Unemployment presently comprises 9.5 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,232.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	85.2	84.8	84.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	6.9	6.7	7.1	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.8	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.0	5.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.4	1.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
MINING	11.3	11.3	11.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.4	3.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.2	5.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.3	23.1	22.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.3	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.9	17.8	17.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Food Stores	2.7	2.6	2.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	10.3	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	17.9	18.0	17.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.6	12.7	+ 0.1	0
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.9	11.8	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 0.1	0
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette area during March, 1989 stood at 85,200, an increase of 400 from the previous month. Compared to a year ago, employment has increased by 1,200.

Manufacturing employment rose by 200 in March but is 200 below the March 1988 revised estimate. Construction increased by 200 workers from the previous month and has increased by 500 workers over the March, 1988 level. Trade was up by 200 from February's revised estimate. Government gained 100 workers from the prior month, but showed no change from the March, 1988 level. Transportation and public utilities was down by 200 from last month's estimate due to a drop in employment in the motor freight and local passenger transportation industries. Services was down by 100 workers due to a slowdown in the business services sector of the economy.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.5	58.7	58.1	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	10.9	10.8	11.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.4	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.6	7.7	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.1	4.3	3.6	- 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.5	13.7	13.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Retail Trade	11.0	11.2	10.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.5	2.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	11.9	11.8	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.4	10.6	0	- 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.8	9.8	10.0	0	- 0.2
State	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
Local	6.8	6.8	6.7	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 58,500, a decrease of 200 workers from the February, 1989 revised figure. Compared to a year ago, employment in the area has increased by 400 workers.

Manufacturing was up by 100 in the chemical and petroleum products industries. Compared to March, 1988, this sector decreased by 200 workers. Services showed an increase of 100 in March due to growth in the health industry. Construction decreased by 200 employees from February's revised estimate but is showing an increase of 500 workers over the March, 1988 figure. Trade decreased by 200 due to a decrease in employment in food stores and clothing stores. All other sectors showed no change from February's revised estimate.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	Net Change From March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.1	53.7	54.7	+ 0.4	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	7.5	7.4	7.5	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	2.0	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.1	2.0	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.9	2.7	2.9	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.4	14.2	0	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	9.9	9.9	10.4	0	- 0.5
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.2	2.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.4	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.0	12.0	11.5	0	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.4	11.5	0	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.8	10.8	10.9	0	- 0.1
State	4.7	4.6	4.7	+ 0.1	0
Local	6.1	6.2	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 54,100 during March, was up 400 from the February estimate of 53,700.

Manufacturing rose by 100 to an estimated 7,500. The increase was in durable goods.

Mining and construction each had minimal gains of 100 as weather conditions improved. Transportation and public utilities rose by 200 workers. Finance, insurance and real estate had a loss of 100. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	Net Change From March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	517.4	516.7	513.9	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
MANUFACTURING	42.7	42.8	43.6	- 0.1	- 0.9
Durable Goods	22.2	22.2	22.7	0	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.6	13.9	0	- 0.3
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.0	10.0	10.2	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.5	20.6	20.9	- 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	5.7	5.9	5.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.6	3.7	+ 0.1	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.2	15.3	15.2	- 0.1	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.3	14.4	14.3	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	22.5	22.1	21.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.6	44.3	43.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.5	13.2	12.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.4	133.9	132.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	32.2	32.1	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.6	18.5	18.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	13.4	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	102.2	101.8	101.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
General Merchandise	13.7	13.7	13.6	0	+ 0.1
Food Stores	20.3	20.3	20.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	34.4	34.1	33.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.6	33.7	- 0.2	- 0.3
Banking	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0
SERVICES	138.0	138.1	137.0	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12.8	13.1	12.9	- 0.3	- 0.1
Health Services	37.4	37.3	36.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	86.6	86.6	86.6	0	0
Federal	16.1	16.1	15.8	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	70.5	70.5	70.8	0	- 0.3
State	18.6	18.6	18.9	0	- 0.3
Local	51.9	51.9	51.9	0	0

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**	March '89*	Feb. '89**	March '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$449.76	$440.36	$435.35	41.3	40.4	41.7	$10.89	$10.90	$10.44
Durable Goods	393.05	385.67	381.36	40.9	40.3	40.7	9.61	9.57	9.37
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	279.00	287.68	266.10	30.0	31.1	30.0	9.30	9.25	8.87
Fabricated Metal Products	397.99	364.09	429.43	41.2	36.3	42.9	9.66	10.03	10.01
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	375.42	372.04	350.15	41.3	41.2	39.7	9.09	9.03	8.82
Nondurable Goods	511.66	500.19	493.19	41.7	40.6	42.7	12.27	12.32	11.55
Food & Kindred Products	307.52	308.45	324.70	35.8	35.7	37.8	8.59	8.64	8.59
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	212.49	210.98	184.45	36.2	35.4	35.0	5.87	5.96	5.27
Paper & Allied Products	374.88	405.20	438.02	44.0	43.9	48.4	8.52	9.23	9.05
Printing & Publishing	390.25	377.33	364.80	39.3	38.9	39.1	9.93	9.70	9.33
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	846.19	782.21	821.10	50.1	44.8	52.1	16.89	17.46	15.76

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in March increased to 517,400, a level 700 above the February estimate. Gains were mostly seasonal in nature. Since last March, nonagricultural employment gained 3,500 workers. Increases in some industry divisions were partly offset by decreases in others.

Manufacturing employment totaled 42,700, down 100 from the previous month. Food and kindred products experienced a loss of employment due to seasonal decreases. Printing and publishing increased employment due to more business.

Mining showed minor losses mostly in the oil and gas extraction segments. Construction was boosted by significant increases in special trade and building construction contracts. Gains in transportation and public utilities were due to a rise in local port activity. Wholesale and retail trade exhibited considerable seasonal gains. Finance, insurance and real estate showed losses. Services displayed a slight seasonal decrease. Government showed no change over the previous month.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $449.76 per week in March, up $9.40 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.3, up 0.9 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.89, down one cent from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $14.41 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment for March is 48,100. The current unemployment rate for this area is 8.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,921.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	March 1989*	February 1989**	March 1988**	Net Change From February 1989	Net Change From March 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	127.9	128.3	129.6	- 0.4	- 1.7
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.2	18.1	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	12.5	12.4	12.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.5	0	- 0.4
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	1.9	1.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.2	5.9	- 0.1	- 0.8
Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.9	5.0	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Good	4.8	4.8	5.2	0	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
MINING	3.0	3.1	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.2	8.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.3	31.4	31.3	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.4	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.0	24.1	23.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.4	6.4	6.9	0	- 0.5
SERVICES	30.4	30.4	30.6	0	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.6	25.6	- 0.2	- 0.2
Federal	4.8	4.9	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	20.6	20.7	20.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.2	14.3	14.4	- 0.1	- 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March '89*	February '89**	March '88**	March '89*	February '89**	March '88**	March '89*	February '89**	March '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$471.33	$475.61	$472.40	41.2	39.8	40.9	$11.46	$11.95	$11.55
Lumber and Wood Products	334.40	270.76	256.19	38.0	33.1	37.4	8.80	8.18	6.85
Metals and Machinery	422.58	414.80	456.88	43.7	42.5	42.5	9.67	9.76	10.75
Food and Kindred Products	347.01	390.78	332.48	43.0	46.8	39.3	8.07	8.35	8.46
Printing and Publishing	298.14	284.80	342.14	30.8	29.3	35.2	9.68	9.72	9.72
Petroleum and Coal Products	538.65	770.08	540.67	39.9	51.1	44.1	13.50	15.07	12.26

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA dropped to 127,900, a level 400 below the revised February estimate of 128,300 and 1,700 below the year-ago estimate of 129,600. Job losses since last month occurred in nonmanufacturing, while manufacturing employment rose slightly.

Total manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,300, moved up slightly from 17,200 in February. This increase was spread through most segments of other durable goods manufacturing.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 110,600, was 500 less than the February estimate of 111,100 and 900 less than the March, 1988 estimate of 111,500. Mining, transportation and public utilities, retail trade, federal government and local government each showed job losses of 100.

The Shreveport MSA's 12,600 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $471.33, compared to the February average of $475.61 and $472.40 for March, 1988. Average weekly hours increased to 41.2 from 39.8 in February and 40.9 one year ago. Average hourly earnings of $11.44 moved down from $11.95 in February and $11.55 in March, 1988.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport MSA was 157,800, including 142,800 employed and 15,000 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 9.5 percent.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during April was estimated at 1,513,400, an increase of 5,000 above the March revised figure and an increase of 14,300 above the year-ago figure. Manufacturing employment was higher as both durable and nondurable goods payrolls increased. Construction experienced a seasonal increase which contributed to higher employment for nonmanufacturing.

Durable goods employment for April, estimated at 76,100, was 400 higher than last month. Transportation equipment employment was higher due to more business in the ship and boat building and repairing industry.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 94,900, was 200 above the previous month's revised estimate of 94,700. Food and kindred products employment dropped by 100 for April, while apparel and other textile products, paper and allied products, and petroleum and coal products each gained 100.

Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector was estimated at 1,342,400 during April, an increase of 4,400 from the March revised figure of 1,338,000. Mining employment was up as a result of an increase in the exploration of oil and gas. Construction employment showed a seasonal increase in each major group. Transportation and public utilities employment rose by 100 employees. Trade employment moved up due to more business in both the wholesale and retail industries. Contributing to the downturn in finance, insurance, and real estate were payroll reductions in the real estate industry. Employment losses in amusement and recreational services were mainly responsible for decreases in the total services industry. Government exhibited an employment gain in each of the three major groups for April.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,200 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $465.23 in March to $458.85 in April, a decrease of $6.38, and a decrease of $5.06 from April of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in April than last month, but $0.14 higher than April, 1988. Weekly hours averaged 41.6 during April, a decrease of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 182,400. The unemployment rate for April was 9.6 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for April was 5.1 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,907,100 workers. Estimated total employment increased to 1,724,700 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change from March 1989	Net Change from April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,513.4	1,508.4	1,499.1	+ 5.0	+14.3
MINING	57.2	56.8	56.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.6	54.2	53.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	89.7	87.2	84.0	+ 2.5	+ 5.7
MANUFACTURING	171.0	170.4	168.7	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	76.1	75.7	75.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.1	12.0	12.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.7	5.7	5.8	0	- 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	12.9	12.9	12.2	0	+ 0.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.2	9.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.5	7.1	0	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	23.2	23.0	23.4	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.9	94.7	93.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	18.9	19.0	19.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.5	9.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	12.5	12.4	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Printing & Publishing	10.0	10.0	10.0	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.4	27.4	26.6	0	+ 0.8
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.1	11.0	11.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.2	10.1	10.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	108.0	107.9	106.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.7	62.7	60.6	0	+ 2.1
Water Transportation	25.4	25.6	24.2	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.2	40.1	40.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.3	18.2	18.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	21.9	22.3	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	361.0	359.5	357.4	+ 1.5	+ 3.6
Wholesale Trade	81.7	81.4	81.9	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.6	45.6	45.9	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.1	35.8	36.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	279.3	278.1	275.5	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.3	58.5	56.5	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
Food Stores	55.0	55.3	55.0	- 0.3	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.9	29.6	29.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	85.1	84.9	84.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Other Retail Trade	50.0	49.8	50.3	+ 0.2	- 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change from March 1989	Net Change from April 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.7	81.0	83.0	- 0.3	- 2.3
Banking	22.7	22.6	23.8	+ 0.1	- 1.1
SERVICES	328.6	329.2	327.3	- 0.6	+ 1.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.9	21.0	21.3	- 0.1	- 0.4
Personal Services	14.5	14.6	15.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
Business Services	62.5	62.6	60.5	- 0.1	+ 2.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.5	9.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.0	5.0	5.3	0	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	7.9	8.4	7.7	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Health Services	105.9	105.8	103.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Legal Services	15.9	16.0	15.1	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Educational Services	20.1	20.1	22.8	0	- 2.7
Social Services	18.7	18.7	19.0	0	- 0.3
Membership Organizations	25.4	25.6	25.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	15.9	15.9	15.8	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	317.2	316.4	316.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Federal	36.7	36.5	36.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
State and Local	280.5	279.9	280.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
State	93.5	93.2	96.2	+ 0.3	- 2.7
Local	187.0	186.7	183.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.2

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$458.85	$465.23	$463.91	41.6	41.8	42.6	$11.03	$11.13	$10.89
Durable Goods	412.15	418.91	414.50	41.8	42.4	42.6	9.86	9.88	9.73
Lumber & Wood Products	361.99	359.89	354.90	41.8	43.1	42.2	8.66	8.35	8.41
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	351.12	334.21	370.65	41.9	37.3	43.3	8.38	8.96	8.56
Fabricated Metal Products	433.59	431.94	420.21	44.7	44.9	43.5	9.70	9.62	9.66
Machinery, ex. Electrical	379.13	393.39	407.18	41.3	42.3	44.5	9.18	9.30	9.15
Electric & Electronic Equip.	509.94	503.30	511.21	40.6	40.2	41.8	12.56	12.52	12.23
Transportation Equipment	434.11	466.47	444.78	40.8	42.8	42.0	10.64	10.95	10.59
Nondurable Goods	500.91	505.93	508.22	41.5	41.3	42.6	12.07	12.25	11.93
Food & Kindred Products	284.43	296.78	312.03	36.7	38.0	39.2	7.75	7.81	7.96
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	208.78	207.43	202.83	36.5	36.2	37.7	5.72	5.73	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	503.81	571.26	587.41	38.4	40.4	44.1	13.12	14.14	13.32
Printing & Publishing	404.88	392.77	395.53	39.5	37.3	39.2	10.25	10.53	10.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	766.66	748.65	697.25	48.4	46.5	45.1	15.84	16.10	15.46
Petroleum & Coal Products	676.35	662.42	740.04	43.3	42.3	48.4	15.62	15.66	15.29
Petroleum Refining	683.57	673.31	757.38	43.1	42.4	48.8	15.86	15.88	15.52
MINING	552.89	554.40	551.54	46.5	46.2	46.9	11.89	12.00	11.76
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	524.44	511.28	504.98	41.1	40.1	39.7	12.76	12.75	12.72
BANKING	277.14	275.63	271.88	37.1	36.8	37.5	7.47	7.49	7.25

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,200 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED MARCH 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED APRIL 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,907.1	1,724.7	182.4	9.6	1,888.7	1,707.4	181.3	9.6	1,918.4	1,722.3	196.1	10.2
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.9	54.2	5.7	9.5	59.2	53.7	5.5	9.3	60.2	54.5	5.7	9.4
Baton Rouge 2/	268.7	247.9	20.8	7.7	264.6	244.6	20.0	7.6	270.1	247.9	22.2	8.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.5	63.4	7.1	10.0	69.4	62.9	6.5	9.4	71.0	63.0	8.0	11.2
Lafayette 4/	99.8	91.6	8.2	8.3	98.7	90.3	8.4	8.5	99.6	90.3	9.3	9.3
Lake Charles 5/	73.6	66.6	7.0	9.5	72.7	65.5	7.2	9.9	74.9	66.8	8.1	10.8
Monroe 6/	67.8	61.6	6.2	9.2	67.3	61.1	6.2	9.2	69.3	62.5	6.8	9.8
New Orleans 7/	595.7	545.6	50.1	8.4	590.0	541.5	48.5	8.2	596.1	543.0	53.1	8.9
Shreveport 8/	158.2	142.5	15.7	9.9	156.9	141.9	15.0	9.6	164.1	147.6	16.5	10.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
April 1988	117.1		
April 1989	123.1	+ 0.7	+ 5.1

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY APRIL 89				REVISED MARCH 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,900	19,675	2,225	10.2	21,675	19,450	2,225	10.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,225	8,100	1,125	12.3	9,175	8,075	1,100	12.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,225	5,300	925	15.0	6,175	5,175	1,000	16.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,650	13,125	2,525	16.1	15,575	13,050	2,525	16.2
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,050	11,750	1,300	10.0	13,075	11,825	1,250	9.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,900	6,100	800	11.6	6,775	6,000	775	11.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,000	3,500	500	12.3	4,250	3,450	800	18.9
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,675	4,225	450	9.7	4,575	4,075	500	10.6
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,000	3,275	725	18.3	4,000	3,200	800	20.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,950	7,250	700	8.9	8,000	7,300	700	8.9
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,150	8,775	1,375	13.5	10,050	8,575	1,475	14.7
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,125	11,625	1,500	11.4	12,550	11,150	1,400	11.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,150	3,175	975	23.6	4,100	3,075	1,025	24.9
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,275	6,525	750	10.2	7,150	6,400	750	10.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,300	11,725	1,575	11.9	13,175	11,550	1,625	12.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,875	6,750	1,125	14.3	8,000	6,725	1,275	15.9
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,850	5,950	900	13.0	6,850	5,925	925	13.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,700	23,125	2,575	10.0	25,200	22,575	2,625	10.4
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,100	9,550	1,550	14.0	11,100	9,500	1,600	14.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,700	6,000	700	10.4	6,675	5,925	750	11.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,200	9,700	1,500	13.4	11,125	9,625	1,500	13.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,550	5,900	650	10.0	6,775	5,850	925	13.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,700	16,850	850	4.8	17,300	16,400	900	5.2
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,450	4,675	775	14.3	5,450	4,575	875	16.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,175	10,625	1,550	12.7	12,275	10,550	1,725	14.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,200	14,500	1,700	10.5	16,150	14,425	1,725	10.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,675	7,750	925	10.6	8,650	7,700	950	11.0
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,050	1,125	15.7	7,100	6,000	1,100	15.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,425	3,775	650	14.7	4,250	3,725	525	12.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,550	7,500	1,050	12.1	8,650	7,500	1,150	13.2
MANY (SABINE)	9,800	8,900	900	9.2	9,675	8,700	975	10.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,825	2,525	300	10.4	2,825	2,525	300	10.6
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,750	6,800	950	12.4	7,800	6,775	1,025	13.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,875	26,225	4,650	15.1	30,675	25,975	4,700	15.4
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,525	21,625	2,900	11.8	24,375	21,375	3,000	12.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,750	32,950	4,800	12.7	37,250	32,525	4,725	12.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,000	2,625	375	12.7	3,050	2,625	425	13.7
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,525	925	10.9	8,375	7,375	1,000	11.9
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,625	16,200	2,425	13.0	18,525	15,975	2,550	13.7
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,375	16,725	1,650	9.0	18,525	16,750	1,775	9.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,375	16,050	2,325	12.6	18,525	16,050	2,475	13.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,700	17,450	2,250	11.4	19,500	17,225	2,275	11.6
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,775	3,625	1,150	24.1	4,875	3,600	1,275	26.2
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	3,825	425	9.7	4,175	3,750	425	10.1
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,425	500	8.4	5,900	5,325	575	9.8

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.1	45.2	45.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.3	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	2.2	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.4	10.6	10.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Retail Trade	8.5	8.7	8.9	- 0.2	- 0.4
General Merchandise	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.7	3.8	- 0.2	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Health Services	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.1	12.9	0	+ 0.2
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.8	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	10.0	10.0	10.1	0	- 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.7	0	- 0.2
Local	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,100 for April. This estimate was 100 less than last month and 300 less than April, 1988.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400 for April. This was 100 more than March and 300 above April one year ago. The increase over the month was due to the other durable goods segment while the increase over last year was due to increases in both other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for the current month was estimated at 41,700. This figure decreased by 200 from last month and 600 from April, 1988. The change from March was due to a decline in other retail sales. The overall drop from April, 1988 was the result of decreases in construction, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate. An increase occurred in government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	223.4	222.1	220.8	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	19.4	19.4	18.9	0	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.0	0	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.5	23.8	24.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.3	53.2	51.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.4	41.3	40.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.7	13.7	13.6	0	+ 0.1
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
SERVICES	46.2	45.8	45.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	54.8	54.7	55.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	52.5	52.4	52.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State	30.0	29.9	30.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Local	22.5	22.5	22.5	0	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$553.82	$556.83	$542.70	43.2	42.8	42.8	$12.82	$13.01	$12.68
Petro-Chemicals	710.76	706.91	694.19	45.3	44.6	44.7	15.69	15.85	15.53

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA rose to 223,400 in April. This figure was 1,300 higher than March, and 2,600 greater than one year ago. Employment gains in nonmanufacturing, including construction, retail trade, services, and government accounted for the overall job growth.

Employment in manufacturing, estimated at 19,400, was unchanged from last month. Employment showed gains in both durable and nondurable goods compared to April, 1988.

Employment in nonmanufacturing climbed 1,300 in April to 204,000. Construction led this advance with a gain of 700 due to more business in all segments. The largest reported gain occurred in special trade contractors, which increased by 400. Also on the rise was retail trade, with a moderate increase of 100, due to increased employment in eating and drinking places. The services sector rose 400, due to the filming of a movie in the Baton Rouge area. Increased employment in automotive, landscape and horticultural services, and miscellaneous repair services accounted for the gain in the total services industry. State government gained 100 over the month because of staff hiring at local universities and seasonal hiring in the areas recreational parks. Federal and local government remained unchanged overall. Upward movement was experienced over the year in most sectors of nonmanufacturing, with the exception of mining, transportation and public utilities, and banking.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $553.82 for April, a decrease of $3.01 from the March revised average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings are up $11.12. Average weekly hours increased 0.4 hours for the current period with an average of 43.2 hours worked. Average hourly earnings, at $12.82, were down $0.19 per hour. Overtime worked without premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA is estimated at 268,700, comprised of 247,900 employed and 20,800 unemployed. The local unemployment rate for April was 7.7 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,585 individuals with new or renewal applications and placed 478 applicants in jobs during April, 1989.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	March 1989	April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.0	53.9	53.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	4.4	4.3	4.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.5	+ 0.1	0
MINING	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.6	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.3	9.4	9.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.1	10.0	0	+ 0.1
State	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in April edged up to 54,000, a level 100 above March. The small gains were mostly seasonal in nature. Since April, 1988 total employment showed an increase of 300.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,400, up 100 over the previous month. The durable goods segment was unchanged. The nondurable goods segment was up 100 due to seasonal factors affecting the seafood processing industry.

Construction exhibited a small increase in employment by special trade contractors. Retail trade showed small increases in employment by eating and drinking places, auto dealers and service stations, building materials dealers and furniture stores. Less favorably, finance, insurance, and real estate decreased. Services employment was down due to decreases in business services.

Estimated unemployment was 7,100 in April. Unemployment presently comprises 10.0 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,225.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	86.1	85.1	84.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	6.9	6.9	7.0	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.6	3.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.0	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.3	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.0	17.9	17.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.5	17.9	18.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.7	12.6	- 0.1	0
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.8	11.9	11.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	4.8	4.9	4.8	- 0.1	0
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 86,100 for April, 1989, an increase of 1,000 from the March, 1989 revised estimate. Since last April nonagricultural employment has gained 1,300 jobs.

Construction increased by 200 workers for the second month in a row and has increased by 500 workers over the April, 1988 figure. Transportation and public utilities rose by 200 from the March, 1989 estimate and compared to a year ago has increased by 300 workers. Trade increased by 100 from last month due to more employment in the automobile dealers and service stations sector. Services expanded by 600 jobs from the March, 1989 estimate due to expansion in the agricultural, amusement, health and miscellaneous segments of the economy. Government was the only sector to show a decline (100) from last month. All other sectors had no change from the prior month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From	
				March 1989	April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.1	58.5	58.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	10.8	10.9	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.6	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.3	8.4	8.3	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	4.1	4.3	+ 0.2	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.0	4.1	3.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.9	13.5	13.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Retail Trade	11.4	11.0	11.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.3	2.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.5	3.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	12.0	11.9	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.4	10.5	+ 0.1	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.8	9.9	+ 0.1	0
State	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
Local	6.9	6.8	6.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 59,100, an increase of 600 from the March, 1989 figure. Employment has increased by 600 workers from the April, 1988 level.

Manufacturing dropped by 100 to an estimated 10,800 for April; the decrease was in the nondurable goods sector. Compared to a year ago, the manufacturing sector has decreased by 200 workers.

Transportation and public utilities was down by 100 from the prior month, but has increased in the last twelve months by 300 workers. Construction increased by 200 from the previous month due to improved weather conditions. Trade rose by 400 workers in April due to growth in building materials, automotive dealers, apparel and accessory stores, eating and drinking establishments and department stores. Services and government both increased by 100 from last month's estimate. All other sectors in the Lake Charles MSA were unchanged from last month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.1	54.1	54.7	0	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	7.6	7.5	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.3	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.1	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.4	13.4	14.1	0	- 0.7
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	9.9	9.9	10.2	0	- 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.2	12.0	11.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.5	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.4	11.5	- 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.8	10.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
State	4.6	4.7	4.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Local	6.0	6.1	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 54,100 for April, 1989. There was no change from the March estimate.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,600, was up by 100. The gain was in nondurable goods.

Services, estimated at 12,200, was up 200 from the March figure. Construction rose by 100 to 2,200. Mining and transportation and public utilities each had losses of 100. Government was down by 200 to 11,200. All other segments remained unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	519.0	518.4	515.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
MANUFACTURING	43.1	42.7	43.3	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Durable Goods	22.5	22.2	22.5	+ 0.3	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	13.9	13.6	13.9	+ 0.3	0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.3	10.0	10.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	20.6	20.5	20.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.7	5.7	5.9	0	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	15.3	15.3	15.3	0	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.4	14.4	14.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.2	22.7	22.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.5	44.6	43.8	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.3	13.5	12.8	- 0.2	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.4	134.5	133.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	32.7	32.5	31.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.8	18.7	18.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.8	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	101.7	102.0	101.7	- 0.3	0
General Merchandise	13.4	13.5	13.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food Stores	20.0	20.2	20.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	34.5	34.0	0	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.4	33.4	33.7	0	- 0.3
Banking	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0
SERVICES	138.1	138.3	137.2	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12.9	12.8	13.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Health Services	37.4	37.5	36.8	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	87.0	86.9	86.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	16.2	16.2	16.0	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	70.8	70.7	70.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	18.7	18.7	19.1	0	- 0.4
Local	52.1	52.0	51.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings April '89*	Average Weekly Earnings March '89**	Average Weekly Earnings April '88**	Average Weekly Hours April '89*	Average Weekly Hours March '89**	Average Weekly Hours April '88**	Average Hourly Earnings April '89*	Average Hourly Earnings March '89**	Average Hourly Earnings April '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$439.93	$445.94	$433.26	41.0	41.1	41.5	$10.73	$10.85	$10.44
Durable Goods	386.07	393.74	388.22	40.3	41.1	41.3	9.58	9.58	9.40
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	279.00	277.80	297.63	30.0	30.0	31.1	9.30	9.26	9.57
Fabricated Metal Products	391.20	397.17	465.47	40.0	41.2	46.5	9.78	9.64	10.01
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	360.59	375.42	356.65	40.2	41.3	40.9	8.97	9.09	8.72
Nondurable Goods	500.71	502.66	483.63	41.9	41.0	41.8	11.95	12.26	11.57
Food & Kindred Products	310.80	308.45	319.42	35.0	35.7	36.8	8.88	8.64	8.68
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	203.00	212.49	193.28	35.0	36.2	36.4	5.80	5.87	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	366.79	374.88	414.82	43.0	44.0	47.3	8.53	8.52	8.77
Printing & Publishing	417.25	390.64	371.18	43.6	39.3	40.7	9.57	9.94	9.12
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	783.64	801.35	725.49	49.1	47.0	45.4	15.96	17.05	15.98

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in April increased 600 over March to 519,000. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year nonagricultural employment gained 3,500 workers. Increases occurred in all industry divisions except manufacturing, finance, insurance, and real estate, and mining which showed no change.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,100, up 400 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing experienced an increase. In the nondurable segment, apparel and other textile products exhibited a small increase.

Mining showed no significant change over the previous month. Construction displayed normal seasonal increases. Transportation and public utilities decreased somewhat due mostly to a slowdown in local port activity. Gains made by wholesale trade were offset by seasonal losses in retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Services exhibited a small overall decrease. Government showed a minor increase in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $439.93 per week in April, down $6.01 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.0, down 0.1 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.73, down $0.12 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, earnings are up $6.67 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment for April was 50,100. The unemployment rate was 8.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,894.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	April 1989*	March 1989**	April 1988**	Net Change From March 1989	Net Change From April 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.1	128.3	130.9	- 0.2	- 2.8
MANUFACTURING	17.5	17.4	18.2	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Durable Goods	12.6	12.6	13.1	0	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.1	7.1	7.6	0	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.1	5.9	0	- 0.8
Other Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.8	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	6.4	6.3	6.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.1	7.9	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.5	31.5	31.6	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0
Retail Trade	24.1	24.1	24.2	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.4	6.9	- 0.2	- 0.7
SERVICES	30.2	30.4	31.2	- 0.2	- 1.0
GOVERNMENT	25.2	25.2	25.6	0	- 0.4
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
State and Local	20.4	20.4	20.8	0	- 0.4
State	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.0	14.0	14.5	0	- 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**	April '89*	March '89**	April '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$446.07	$469.68	$473.75	40.7	41.2	40.7	$10.96	$11.40	$11.64
Lumber and Wood Products	342.36	334.40	254.14	36.0	38.0	35.2	9.51	8.80	7.22
Metals and Machinery	409.79	422.58	457.45	43.0	43.7	42.2	9.53	9.67	10.84
Food and Kindred Products	368.19	347.01	334.11	44.2	43.0	42.4	8.33	8.07	7.88
Printing and Publishing	272.16	263.87	351.29	31.5	30.4	35.7	8.64	8.68	9.84
Petroleum and Coal Products	574.13	538.65	606.17	44.3	39.9	46.7	12.96	13.50	12.98

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA dropped slightly from 128,300 in March to 128,100 for the current month. Job losses in total nonmanufacturing employment caused this over-the-month decline.

The manufacturing employment estimate increased to 17,500 from the March estimate of 17,400. A small employment gain in the garment manufacturing industry produced this increase.

Total nonmanufacturing employment for this area, estimated at 110,600, moved down from 110,900 in March. Job losses occurred in finance, insurance, and real estate, and services. In finance, insurance, and real estate the job reductions were in banking and with insurance carriers. In the services sector small job reductions occurred with hotels and motels, amusement and recreation services, health services, legal services, museums and non-profit membership organizations. The number of nonmanufacturing jobs has decreased 2,100 since April, 1988.

An estimated 12,600 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $446.07, down from $469.68 in March and $473.75 one year ago. Average weekly hours of 40.7 fell slightly below the March average of 41.2, but remain unchanged from April, 1988. Average hourly earnings decreased between March and April to $10.96 and remains less than the year-ago hourly average of $11.64. Most of the decrease in average hourly earnings occurred in the nondurable goods sector of petroleum products industries which dropped $0.54 between March and April.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport MSA was 158,200, including 142,500 employed and 15,700 unemployed. The unemployment rate was 9.9 percent.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,519,400 for May, an increase of 5,800 workers above April's revised estimate and 16,900 higher than the comparable period a year ago. Much of the increase was centered in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing. Employment gains in both the trade and services sectors were the dominant factor for the increase in nonmanufacturing payrolls.

Durable goods employment for May, estimated at 76,100, was 100 employees higher than the April revised figure. Each segment of the lumber and wood products industry exhibited an employment increase for May.

Estimated employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing increased by 600 workers from the revised April level. The most significant factor in this month's increase in nondurable goods employment was a seasonal increase in food and kindred product due to increased activity in seafood canning. The printing and publishing industry lost 200 workers since last month.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during May was estimated at 1,347,600, up 5,100 from the April revised level of 1,342,500. Mining employment was lower due to decreased activity in exploration for oil and gas. Construction employment decreased by 100 workers. Transportation and public utilities payrolls lost 100 employees in May. More business for eating and drinking places resulted in higher employment for trade. Employment losses in insurance, real estate and credit agencies other than banks were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance and real estate payrolls. Seasonal increases in miscellaneous amusement and recreation services contributed to the employment gain for services in May. Reductions in state government payrolls were mainly responsible for the decrease in total government employment this month.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,100 production workers in manufacturing increased from $459.26 in April to $462.76 in May, an increase of $3.50, and an increase of $8.81 from May of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in May than last month, but eight cents higher than May, 1988. Weekly hours averaged 42.3 during May, an increase of 0.7 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 178,000. The unemployment rate for May was 9.4 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for May was 5.0 percent. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,895,500 workers. Estimated total employment decreased to 1,717,500 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change from April 1989	May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,519.4	1,513.6	1,502.5	+ 5.8	+16.9
MINING	56.9	57.1	56.4	– 0.2	+ 0.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.3	54.5	53.8	– 0.2	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	89.7	89.6	84.3	+ 0.1	+ 5.4
MANUFACTURING	171.8	171.1	170.0	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	76.1	76.0	75.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.1	12.5	+ 0.3	– 0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	– 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.7	5.6	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	2.8	0	+ 0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	12.8	12.9	12.3	– 0.1	+ 0.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.2	9.3	9.0	– 0.1	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.5	7.2	– 0.1	– 0.8
Transportation Equipment	23.3	23.2	23.3	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.5	2.2	– 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	95.7	95.1	94.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Food & Kindred Products	20.0	19.2	20.2	+ 0.8	– 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.6	9.8	0	+ 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.5	11.9	– 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	9.8	10.0	10.0	– 0.2	– 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.5	27.4	26.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.0	11.0	11.2	0	– 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.1	10.1	10.3	0	– 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	– 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	108.4	108.3	106.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	– 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	63.3	63.1	60.5	+ 0.2	– 2.8
Water Transportation	25.7	25.7	24.0	0	+ 1.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.0	40.1	40.4	– 0.1	– 0.4
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.2	18.0	– 0.2	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	21.9	22.4	+ 0.1	– 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	362.8	360.6	358.8	+ 2.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	82.1	81.7	81.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.8	45.6	45.9	+ 0.2	– 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.3	36.1	36.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	280.7	278.9	276.9	+ 1.8	+ 3.8
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.4	59.3	57.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Food Stores	55.1	54.9	54.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.1	29.9	29.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	86.1	84.9	85.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.9
Other Retail Trade	50.0	49.9	50.2	+ 0.1	– 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change from April 1989	Net Change from May 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.3	80.7	82.8	- 0.4	- 2.5
Banking	22.7	22.7	23.8	0	- 1.1
SERVICES	332.3	328.8	328.3	+ 3.5	+ 4.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.2	21.0	21.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Personal Services	14.4	14.6	14.8	- 0.2	- 0.4
Business Services	62.9	62.6	60.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.5	9.5	9.8	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.1	5.0	5.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.2	7.9	8.9	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
Health Services	106.2	105.7	103.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Legal Services	16.0	15.9	15.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Educational Services	20.2	20.1	21.4	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Social Services	19.0	18.8	19.1	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Membership Organizations	25.7	25.4	26.1	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	15.9	16.0	15.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	317.2	317.4	315.8	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Federal	36.9	36.9	36.3	0	+ 0.6
State and Local	280.3	280.5	279.5	- 0.2	+ 0.8
State	92.7	93.4	95.6	- 0.7	- 2.9
Local	187.6	187.1	183.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.7

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(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$462.76	$459.26	$453.95	42.3	41.6	41.8	$10.94	$11.04	$10.86
Durable Goods	420.30	413.13	409.34	42.8	41.9	42.2	9.82	9.86	9.70
Lumber & Wood Products	363.36	362.95	350.53	42.3	42.6	42.8	8.59	8.52	8.19
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	368.43	344.32	371.94	42.3	40.7	43.4	8.71	8.46	8.57
Fabricated Metal Products	428.26	430.68	419.58	46.0	44.4	43.3	9.31	9.70	9.69
Machinery, ex. Electrical	397.96	382.03	390.66	42.7	41.3	43.6	9.32	9.25	8.96
Electric & Electronic Equip.	554.95	509.94	507.15	43.8	40.6	41.4	12.67	12.56	12.25
Transportation Equipment	448.45	440.84	437.13	41.6	41.2	41.2	10.78	10.70	10.61
Nondurable Goods	498.67	498.90	493.85	41.8	41.3	41.5	11.93	12.08	11.90
Food & Kindred Products	296.74	286.71	296.54	39.2	36.9	36.7	7.57	7.77	8.08
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	202.88	206.70	199.18	36.1	36.2	37.3	5.62	5.71	5.34
Paper & Allied Products	613.73	514.41	596.01	44.7	39.0	43.6	13.73	13.19	13.67
Printing & Publishing	396.00	405.58	384.94	37.5	39.3	38.0	10.56	10.32	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	714.02	761.76	695.81	45.8	48.0	45.3	15.59	15.87	15.36
Petroleum & Coal Products	658.05	663.00	686.14	42.4	42.5	45.2	15.52	15.60	15.18
Petroleum Refining	664.44	668.45	698.79	42.0	42.2	45.2	15.82	15.84	15.46
MINING	546.67	542.18	551.05	45.9	45.6	47.3	11.91	11.89	11.65
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	524.10	526.49	512.15	41.3	41.1	40.2	12.69	12.81	12.74
BANKING	282.30	276.40	268.96	38.2	37.1	37.2	7.39	7.45	7.23

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,100 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,700 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY MAY 1989				REVISED APRIL 1989				REVISED MAY 1988			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,895.5	1,717.5	178.0	9.4	1,907.8	1,724.8	183.0	9.6	1,933.7	1,723.7	210.0	10.9
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.8	54.2	5.6	9.3	59.9	54.2	5.7	9.5	60.3	54.3	6.0	9.9
Baton Rouge 2/	266.8	245.7	21.1	7.9	269.3	248.4	20.9	7.8	272.7	248.5	24.2	8.9
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.7	63.3	6.4	9.1	70.5	63.4	7.1	10.0	71.6	63.3	8.3	11.7
Lafayette 4/	99.3	91.1	8.2	8.3	99.7	91.4	8.3	8.3	99.3	89.7	9.6	9.6
Lake Charles 5/	73.7	66.5	7.2	9.7	73.3	66.3	7.0	9.6	75.9	66.7	9.2	12.2
Monroe 6/	66.9	61.0	5.9	8.8	67.6	61.4	6.2	9.2	69.5	62.4	7.1	10.2
New Orleans 7/	592.2	542.0	50.2	8.5	596.0	545.6	50.4	8.4	600.4	542.3	58.1	9.7
Shreveport 8/	157.9	142.9	15.0	9.5	158.9	143.1	15.8	9.9	164.6	147.3	17.3	10.5

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
May 1988	117.5		
May 1989	123.8	+ 0.6	+ 5.4

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY MAY 89				REVISED APRIL 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,825	19,550	2,275	10.4	21,825	19,625	2,200	10.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,200	8,125	1,075	11.6	9,250	8,125	1,125	12.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,100	5,275	825	13.7	6,200	5,275	925	15.0
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,650	13,325	2,325	14.9	15,700	13,200	2,500	16.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,050	11,775	1,275	9.8	13,100	11,800	1,300	9.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,750	6,050	700	10.5	6,900	6,100	800	11.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	3,900	3,500	400	10.5	4,000	3,500	500	12.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,825	4,500	325	7.0	4,700	4,250	450	9.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,975	3,325	650	16.3	3,975	3,250	725	18.4
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,950	7,200	750	9.4	7,950	7,225	725	9.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,300	9,025	1,275	12.4	10,100	8,750	1,350	13.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,550	11,175	1,375	11.0	13,100	11,600	1,500	11.5
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,150	3,275	875	21.3	4,150	3,175	975	23.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,175	6,450	725	10.2	7,275	6,525	750	10.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,225	11,750	1,475	11.2	13,250	11,675	1,575	11.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,875	6,800	1,075	13.6	7,900	6,750	1,150	14.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,975	825	12.0	6,875	5,975	900	13.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,675	23,075	2,600	10.1	25,675	23,075	2,600	10.1
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	10,975	9,500	1,475	13.4	11,075	9,525	1,550	14.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,550	5,975	575	8.7	6,700	6,000	700	10.5
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,100	9,675	1,425	12.8	11,225	9,700	1,525	13.5
JENA (LASALLE)	6,525	5,875	650	9.9	6,550	5,900	650	9.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,650	16,850	800	4.6	17,650	16,800	850	4.8
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,450	4,675	775	14.3	5,475	4,700	775	14.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,075	10,650	1,425	11.8	12,125	10,575	1,550	12.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,375	14,575	1,800	11.0	16,150	14,450	1,700	10.5
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,600	7,750	850	9.9	8,650	7,725	925	10.7
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,050	1,125	15.8	7,175	6,050	1,125	15.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,250	3,775	475	11.2	4,450	3,775	675	15.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,500	7,525	975	11.5	8,525	7,475	1,050	12.2
MANY (SABINE)	9,725	8,825	900	9.2	9,850	8,950	900	9.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,875	2,550	325	11.2	2,825	2,525	300	10.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,575	6,650	925	12.4	7,725	6,775	950	12.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,475	26,100	4,375	14.3	30,800	26,150	4,650	15.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,250	21,550	2,700	11.1	24,475	21,600	2,875	11.7
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,500	32,675	4,825	12.9	37,650	32,875	4,775	12.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,950	2,650	300	10.4	3,000	2,625	375	12.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,350	7,475	875	10.4	8,400	7,500	900	10.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,525	16,300	2,225	12.0	18,575	16,150	2,425	13.1
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,300	16,675	1,625	8.8	18,475	16,800	1,675	9.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,000	15,975	2,025	11.2	18,425	16,100	2,325	12.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,650	17,400	2,250	11.4	19,750	17,525	2,225	11.3
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,700	3,700	1,000	21.5	4,800	3,625	1,175	24.4
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,200	3,825	375	9.2	4,250	3,825	425	9.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,425	500	8.4	5,925	5,425	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.2	45.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	1.9	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.4	11.0	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.1	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.8	0.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.5	9.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
General Merchandise	1.6	1.6	1.8	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.5	2.4	2.5	+ 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.5	3.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.3	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.2	12.7	0	+ 0.5
Federal	3.2	3.2	2.8	0	+ 0.4
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Local	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,500 for May. This estimate was 300 more than last month and 100 more than May, 1988.

Current month employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,400. This figure was unchanged from the previous month and 200 above May of last year. The increase over last year was due to increases in both other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for May was estimated at 42,100. This figure increased by 300 from last month but decreased by 100 from May, 1988. The change from April was due to increases in other retail trade, eating and drinking places, as well as construction. The overall change from May, 1988 resulted from increases in manufacturing, services, and government with decreases in construction, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	222.7	223.1	222.4	- 0.4	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	19.5	19.4	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	1.2	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.1	15.0	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.7	10.7	10.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.5	24.5	25.7	0	- 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.5	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.7	53.2	52.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	12.0	11.8	11.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.5	3.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	41.7	41.4	40.5	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.6	13.6	13.6	0	0
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.4	0	0
SERVICES	45.7	46.2	45.9	- 0.5	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	54.3	54.8	54.6	- 0.5	- 0.3
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
State and Local	52.0	52.5	52.3	- 0.5	- 0.3
State	29.4	30.0	29.7	- 0.6	- 0.3
Local	22.6	22.5	22.6	+ 0.1	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings May '89*	Average Weekly Earnings April '89**	Average Weekly Earnings May '88**	Average Weekly Hours May '89*	Average Weekly Hours April '89**	Average Weekly Hours May '88**	Average Hourly Earnings May '89*	Average Hourly Earnings April '89**	Average Hourly Earnings May '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$550.29	$552.54	$540.58	42.2	43.1	42.2	$13.04	$12.82	$12.81
Petro-Chemicals	708.05	710.76	706.50	44.7	45.3	45.0	15.84	15.69	15.70

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA decreased 400 in May to 222,700, but had a slight gain of 300 over the year-ago level. Manufacturing payrolls were up, while seasonal losses in nonmanufacturing, occurring in government and services, were responsible for the current downturn in employment.

Manufacturing employment rose 100 to a level of 19,500, a figure 400 greater than the previous year estimate. The durable goods industry of fabricated metal products was the only sector in manufacturing that reported more business in the month of May.

Nonmanufacturing employment moved downward to 203,200, a loss of 500. Services employment decreased by 500, with the majority occurring in the motion pictures, and amusement and recreation sectors. State government employment was down due to seasonal decreases in state colleges and universities. Seasonal advances were reported in local government due to the upstart of temporary summer staff hiring.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,100 production workers in all manufacturing was $550.29 for May, a decrease of $2.25 from the April average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $9.71. Average weekly hours at 42.2, declined 0.9 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.04, increased $0.22 per hour. Less overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 266,800 for the month of May. Total employment moved downward to 245,700, while total unemployment moved upward to 21,100. Presently the local unemployment rate is 7.9 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,207 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 3,285 referrals to current job openings resulted in 855 placements during the month of May.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.3	54.2	54.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.4	4.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	5.8	6.0	5.8	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.6	13.7	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	10.7	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.3	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.4	9.4	9.1	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.1	10.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in May edged up to 54,300, a level 100 above April. The scattered small increases were mostly seasonal in nature. Since May, 1988, nonagricultural employment showed a gain of 200.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500, up 100 over the previous month. The nondurable goods segment exhibited an increase due to seasonal factors affecting the seafood processing industry. The durable goods segment remained steady.

Mining exhibited a decrease in employment in oil and gas field services. Water transportation pushed up slightly. Wholesale trade was boosted by a small seasonal gain. Banking made downward adjustments in employment. State government reflected a temporary seasonal upturn in educational services.

Estimated unemployment was 6,400 in May. Unemployment presently comprises 9.1 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 1,105.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	86.3	86.3	84.4	0	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	6.8	6.9	7.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	5.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	11.4	11.4	11.2	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.8	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	5.7	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.4	23.0	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.0	18.0	17.8	0	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.6	18.5	18.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.6	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.9	11.8	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State	4.9	4.8	4.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 86,300 during the month of May. This estimate was unchanged from last month's revised figure, but compared to May, 1988, non-farm employment has grown by 1,900 jobs.

Employment in the manufacturing sector was estimated at 6,800, a decrease of 100 from last month's estimate. The drop in employment was attributed to a decline in the nondurable goods sector of the economy.

Construction dropped by 100 from the revised April estimate, but is up by 700 over the May, 1988 figure. Services increased by 100 due to more activity in automotive repair in the month of May. Government was up by 100 due to additional hiring at local educational institutions. All other sectors of the economy showed no change from last month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	April 1989	May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.6	59.0	58.6	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	10.7	10.8	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	8.3	8.3	8.4	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	4.8	4.3	4.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	3.9	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	13.9	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.5	11.4	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.1	0	+ 0.4
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.2	1.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	11.9	12.0	11.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	10.5	10.5	10.3	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.9	9.9	9.7	0	+ 0.2
State	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Local	6.9	6.9	6.6	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 59,600 for May, 1989, an increase of 600 from the revised April, 1989 figure. Since last May, nonagricultural employment has increased by 1,000 jobs.

Manufacturing decreased by 100 workers from the previous month due to a decrease in the other durable goods sector of the economy. Services fell by 100 from April's figure due to a drop in employment in the legal services segment of the economy. Construction rose by 500 workers from the prior month due to additional activity at the petro-chemical plants in the area. Transportation and public utilities employment increased by 200 from last month's revised estimate; the increase was centered in the motor freight and water transportation sectors. Wholesale and retail trade was up by 100 over the previous month's figure and has increased by 300 workers from the May, 1988 estimate. All other sectors showed little or no change from April's revised estimate.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.8	54.0	55.1	- 0.2	- 1.3
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.6	7.5	- 0.5	- 0.4
Durable Goods	1.9	2.2	2.2	- 0.3	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	2.0	2.0	- 0.3	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.4	5.3	- 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.0	4.2	4.0	- 0.2	0
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.2	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.3	13.4	14.1	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	9.8	9.9	10.2	- 0.1	- 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.1	3.2	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.3	4.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.1	11.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.2	11.7	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.8	10.6	11.1	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	4.7	4.6	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	6.1	6.0	6.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 53,800 during May, was down 200 from the April estimate of 54,000.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was down 500. Durable goods declined by 300, while nondurable goods was down by 200.

Construction rose by 100 to an estimated 2,300 as contractors began the task of repairing damage caused by the recent hailstorm. Rain hampered other outside construction. Wholesale and retail trade was down by 100. Finance, insurance and real estate lost 100 in credit agancies other than banks. Services rose by 200. The gain was in amusement and recreation services as the outdoor sports season got underway. Government was up by 200, as state and local governments each had gains of 100. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	520.5	519.7	517.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
MANUFACTURING	43.6	43.2	43.9	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Durable Goods	22.7	22.5	22.7	+ 0.2	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.1	13.9	14.1	+ 0.2	0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.5	10.3	10.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.7	21.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	6.0	5.8	6.4	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	15.1	15.2	15.1	- 0.1	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.3	14.2	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.1	23.1	22.1	0	+ 1.0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.2	44.3	43.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.2	13.3	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.4	134.6	134.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	32.9	32.8	32.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.7	18.7	18.5	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.2	14.1	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	101.5	101.8	102.2	- 0.3	- 0.7
General Merchandise	12.9	13.5	13.7	- 0.6	- 0.8
Food Stores	20.3	20.1	20.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	34.6	34.4	34.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.2	33.3	33.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
Banking	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	139.7	139.0	138.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	12.9	13.1	+ 0.2	0
Health Services	37.9	37.9	37.1	0	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	87.2	87.0	86.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Federal	16.4	16.3	16.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State and Local	70.8	70.7	70.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	18.6	18.6	18.9	0	- 0.3
Local	52.2	52.1	51.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$428.90	$438.60	$416.52	40.5	40.8	40.4	$10.59	$10.75	$10.31
Durable Goods	382.96	388.33	377.74	40.1	40.2	40.4	9.55	9.66	9.35
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	306.36	275.70	291.10	33.3	30.0	31.1	9.20	9.19	9.36
Fabricated Metal Products	344.81	391.20	445.66	38.1	40.0	44.7	9.05	9.78	9.97
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	362.10	360.59	349.67	40.1	40.2	40.1	9.03	8.97	8.72
Nondurable Goods	479.35	493.49	458.21	40.9	41.4	40.3	11.72	11.92	11.37
Food & Kindred Products	319.55	307.47	305.45	37.2	34.9	35.6	8.59	8.81	8.58
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	209.66	203.00	188.47	36.4	35.0	37.1	5.76	5.80	5.08
Paper & Allied Products	432.42	364.63	419.25	46.9	43.1	43.9	9.22	8.46	9.55
Printing & Publishing	390.04	417.53	356.18	39.2	43.0	38.8	9.95	9.71	9.18
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	713.71	783.64	712.57	45.2	49.1	45.3	15.79	15.96	15.73

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in May increased to 520,500, a level 800 above April. Seasonal gains were mostly responsible. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 2,900 with losses in some industry divisions offset by larger increases in others.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,600, up 400 over the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing experienced a gain due to more business. Food and kindred products exhibited an increase because of seasonal factors. Chemical and allied products added workers due to more production. Petroleum and coal products moved down because of less business.

Mining edged downward. Construction registered no change from the previous month. Transportation and public utilities showed a slight decrease mostly due to the decrease in local port activity. Small gains in wholesale trade were offset by losses in retail trade. Finance, insurance and real estate moved down. Services exhibited a significant overall seasonal increase. Government added workers in both the local and federal government segments.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $428.90 per week in May, down $9.70 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.5, down 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.59, down $0.12 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, earnings are up $12.38 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment for May was 50,200. The unemployment rate was 8.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,813.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1989*	April 1989**	May 1988**	Net Change From April 1989	Net Change From May 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.9	128.0	131.4	+ 0.9	- 2.5
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.5	18.0	- 0.2	- 0.7
Durable Goods	12.4	12.6	12.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.0	7.1	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.0	5.1	5.8	- 0.1	- 0.8
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.1	4.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	6.5	6.4	6.5	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.1	8.0	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.4	31.3	31.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.4	7.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.1	23.9	24.2	+ 0.2	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.2	6.8	0	- 0.6
SERVICES	31.0	30.2	31.7	+ 0.8	- 0.7
GOVERNMENT	25.5	25.3	25.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	20.6	20.5	20.6	+ 0.1	0
State	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	14.2	14.1	14.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**	May '89*	April '89**	May '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$457.52	$437.40	$465.68	42.6	39.8	40.6	$10.74	$10.99	$11.47
Lumber and Wood Products	354.77	344.27	244.61	41.3	39.3	33.1	8.59	8.76	7.39
Metals and Machinery	439.63	407.46	444.98	48.1	42.8	41.9	9.14	9.52	10.62
Food and Kindred Products	365.06	368.19	348.04	43.1	44.2	44.0	8.47	8.33	7.91
Printing and Publishing	287.22	272.16	362.52	32.9	31.5	38.0	8.73	8.64	9.54
Petroleum and Coal Products	642.00	574.13	559.30	50.0	44.3	46.3	12.84	12.96	12.08

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport MSA had an estimated 128,900 in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, up from 128,000 in April. The employment gain in nonmanufacturing was partially offset by a 200 job loss in manufacturing.

Manufacturing employment dropped to 17,300, down from 17,500 in April and 18,000 in May, 1988. All of the job losses from April to May occurred in the manufacturing of durable goods.

The nonmanufacturing employment estimate reflects a moderate seasonal gain in the services sector with the start of a new racing season. Total services jobs increased from 30,200 in April to 31,000 in May. Additional over-the-month job increases occurred in construction, retail trade, local and federal government. The nonmanufacturing employment total rose from 110,500 in April to 111,600 in May.

There were an estimated 12,700 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport MSA with average weekly earnings of $457.52 during May, 1989. These production workers had an average of 42.6 weekly hours. This was an increase of 2.8 hours from April to May. The average weekly earnings increased $22.12. The majority of this change occurred in petroleum and coal products production. The average hourly earnings of $10.74 fell below the April average of $10.99.

The Shreveport MSA in May, 1989 had a civilian labor force of 157,900, comprised of 142,900 employed and 15,000 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 9.5 percent.

NSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1989

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	2,209	1,812	397	47	45	2	32	23	9
Contract Construction (15-17)	9,104	6,060	3,044	269	210	59	1,451	1,039	412
Manufacturing (20-29)	4,539	2,387	2,152	126	57	69	186	112	74
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,780	1,036	744	40	21	19	120	64	56
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,185	802	383	65	46	19	138	93	45
Retail Trade (52-59)	5,427	3,089	2,338	205	134	71	493	233	260
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,332	1,040	292	29	26	3	160	131	29
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	7,066	3,897	3,169	252	153	99	746	413	333
Public Administration (91-97)	1,086	537	549	52	29	23	117	42	75
All Others	66	31	35	0	0	0	14	5	9
Totals	33,794	20,691	13,103	1,085	721	364	3,457	2,155	1,302
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	3,913	3,175	738	93	74	19	446	345	101
Clerical and Sales	7,420	5,292	2,128	253	201	52	769	502	267
Services Occupations	3,467	1,124	2,343	158	59	99	294	75	219
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	435	162	273	15	12	3	26	9	17
Processing Occupations	982	499	483	9	6	3	51	32	19
Machine Trades	1,672	1,089	583	93	54	39	174	127	47
Benchwork Occupations	1,188	636	552	31	16	15	55	40	15
Structural Work Occupations	9,057	5,717	3,340	281	204	77	1,310	855	455
Miscellaneous Occupations	5,660	2,997	2,663	152	95	57	332	170	162
Totals	33,794	20,691	13,103	1,085	721	364	3,457	2,155	1,302

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1989

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	156	127	29	401	320	81	43	39	4
Contract Construction (15-17)	237	193	44	242	170	72	450	376	74
Manufacturing (20-29)	273	202	71	161	80	81	85	44	41
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	93	78	15	60	45	15	45	29	16
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	73	63	10	52	37	15	32	24	8
Retail Trade (52-59)	201	155	46	269	156	113	199	152	47
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	25	24	1	71	62	9	34	26	8
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	194	121	73	286	197	89	259	180	79
Public Administration (91-97)	36	23	13	46	29	17	24	17	7
All Others	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	1,289	987	302	1,591	1,097	494	1,171	887	284
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	122	114	8	270	243	27	132	119	13
Clerical and Sales	224	191	33	416	330	86	263	224	39
Services Occupations	109	60	49	175	64	111	115	50	65
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	9	3	6	20	15	5	14	2	12
Processing Occupations	154	112	42	63	24	39	38	24	14
Machine Trades	60	54	6	63	45	18	68	45	23
Benchwork Occupations	10	7	3	35	15	20	16	12	4
Structural Work Occupations	352	269	83	245	164	81	380	302	78
Miscellaneous Occupations	249	177	72	304	197	107	145	109	36
Totals	1,289	987	302	1,591	1,097	494	1,171	887	284

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF MAY 1989

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	NON-WHITE	WHITE
Mining (10-14)	22	21	1	164	114	50	116	103	13
Contract Construction (15-17)	266	190	76	2,026	1,191	835	531	318	213
Manufacturing (20-29)	179	116	63	851	452	399	575	306	269
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	23	17	6	861	425	436	132	79	53
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	14	8	6	443	288	155	143	93	50
Retail Trade (52-59)	234	136	98	2,074	1,051	1,023	467	228	239
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	30	23	7	622	443	179	191	148	43
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	260	144	116	2,627	1,352	1,275	631	312	319
Public Administration (91-97)	30	12	18	251	96	155	104	45	59
All Others	0	0	0	28	17	11	1	1	0
Totals	1,058	667	391	9,947	5,429	4,518	2,891	1,633	1,258
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	123	104	19	1,626	1,257	369	344	293	51
Clerical and Sales	275	217	58	2,881	1,816	1,065	699	507	192
Services Occupations	127	30	97	1,230	308	922	339	66	273
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	7	3	4	55	22	33	33	14	19
Processing Occupations	10	7	3	170	62	108	37	9	28
Machine Trades	90	56	34	384	248	136	192	93	99
Benchwork Occupations	57	33	24	145	58	87	291	161	130
Structural Work Occupations	211	140	71	2,056	1,122	934	547	324	223
Miscellaneous Occupations	158	77	81	1,400	536	864	409	166	243
Totals	1,058	667	391	9,947	5,429	4,518	2,891	1,633	1,258

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Introduction

The Louisiana Department of Labor (LDOL) has completed a Quality Control (QC) review of its Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefit Program for 1988. This review was done under guidelines and procedures established by the Employment and Training Administration of the U. S. Department of Labor.

What is Quality Control?

The Unemployment Insurance QC program is a diagnostic tool used by LDOL to monitor the accuracy of Unemployment Insurance benefit payments. Weekly representative samples from the entire population of UI payments are drawn and examined intensively to determine if these payments were made to eligible claimants and if these claimants were paid proper amounts.

The focus of each case review is a payment for a specific week of unemployment, referred to as the "key week". A team of QC auditors conducts comprehensive reviews of these "key week" payments. Each review includes at a minimum, a claimant interview, employer wage verification, review of Agency records, and verification that work search and other eligibility requirements have been met. Quality Control procedure requires that all information be obtained in-person, even in cases where information must be obtained from another state. Errors identified during these reviews are used as a basis for corrective actions and program improvements.

LOUISIANA
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE QUALITY CONTROL
ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1988

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$201,157,733
Sample Size	791

	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Proper Payments	80.8%	3.0%
Overpayments	19.2%	3.0%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	1.0%	0.4%

0.1% of cases in sample were not completed when this report was prepared.

Additional information available upon request from the Office of the Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Labor, Office of Employment Security, (504) 342-3013.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during June was estimated at 1,519,300, an increase of 1,400 employees from May's revised level and 18,200 above the comparable period a year ago. Manufacturing employment was up for the current month as both the durable and nondurable goods segments experienced increases. The drop in nonmanufacturing employment was centered in the government segment.

Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing increased to 76,500 during June. Stone, clay and glass products employment moved up as a result of an increase in the production of glass and glassware products. Increased production of blast furnace and basic steel products resulted in higher employment for the primary metal industries.

Nondurable goods employment, at 97,700, was 2,000 more than last month and it was 2,400 above the June year-ago figure. Seasonal increases in the canning and packaging of seafood was mainly responsible for the higher level for food and kindred products employment. Apparel and other textile products employment was higher as a result of increases throughout this segment. More business for most segments of the paper and allied products industry resulted in higher employment for the current month. More production of industrial inorganic chemicals was responsible for the upturn in chemical and allied products employment. Petroleum and coal products payrolls were up from last month due to an increase in petroleum refining.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during June was 1,345,100, down by 1,000 from the May level. Mining employment was higher due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. Construction remained steady during June, at 89,700. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment levels as a result of more activity in trucking and warehousing and more business in certain segments of water transportation. Trade employment for June was higher as both the wholesale and retail segments experienced increases. An increase in banking and real estate employment was responsible for higher levels in finance, insurance and real estate. A seasonal downturn in educational services employment was instrumental in lower employment for services in June. Government employment declined primarily as a result of a seasonal decrease in state education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 128,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $463.19 in May to $460.15 in June, a decrease of $3.04, and a decrease of $10.22 from June of last year. Average hourly earnings were two cents lower in June than last month and six cents lower than June of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.1 during June, a decrease of 0.2 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 184,600. The unemployment rate for June was 9.5 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for June was 5.5 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,393,200 workers. Estimated total employment increased to 1,754,600 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change from May 1989	Net Change from June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,519.3	1,517.9	1,501.1	+ 1.4	+18.2
MINING	56.9	56.8	56.9	+ 0.1	0
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.3	54.2	54.3	+ 0.1	0
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	89.7	89.7	85.1	0	+ 4.6
MANUFACTURING	174.2	171.8	170.6	+ 2.4	+ 3.6
Durable Goods	76.5	76.1	75.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.5	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.9	5.7	5.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.3	2.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Fabricated Metal Products	12.7	12.7	12.4	0	+ 0.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.3	9.2	9.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.4	6.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	23.3	23.2	23.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.5	2.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	97.7	95.7	95.3	+ 2.0	+ 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	20.9	19.8	20.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.8	10.6	9.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	12.8	12.5	12.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Printing & Publishing	9.9	9.9	9.9	0	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.7	27.5	26.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.2	11.0	11.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	10.3	10.1	10.4	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	109.0	108.3	106.9	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	63.4	62.9	60.9	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Water Transportation	25.9	25.6	24.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.5	40.3	40.8	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.2	18.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.1	22.8	+ 0.3	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	364.4	363.0	360.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	82.9	82.1	82.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.9	45.8	46.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.0	36.3	36.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	281.5	280.9	277.8	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	59.8	59.8	57.9	0	+ 1.9
Food Stores	55.6	55.1	54.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.9	30.0	30.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	86.1	85.9	85.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Other Retail Trade	50.1	50.1	50.0	0	+ 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change from May 1989	Net Change from June 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.5	80.3	82.9	+ 0.2	- 2.4
Banking	22.8	22.7	23.8	+ 0.1	- 1.0
SERVICES	330.4	331.0	324.8	- 0.6	+ 5.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.3	21.1	21.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Personal Services	14.6	14.4	14.9	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Business Services	62.9	62.6	60.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.6	9.6	9.7	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.7	9.3	9.7	+ 0.4	0
Health Services	107.5	106.3	104.4	+ 1.2	+ 3.1
Legal Services	16.8	16.0	15.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Educational Services	15.3	18.9	16.8	- 3.6	- 1.5
Social Services	18.7	19.0	18.5	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Membership Organizations	25.9	25.8	25.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	15.8	15.9	15.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	314.2	317.0	313.7	- 2.8	+ 0.5
Federal	36.7	36.9	36.5	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State and Local	277.5	280.1	277.2	- 2.6	+ 0.3
State	85.7	92.5	87.1	- 6.8	- 1.4
Local	191.8	187.6	190.1	+ 4.2	+ 1.7

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* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$460.15	$463.19	$470.37	42.1	42.3	42.8	$10.93	$10.95	$10.99
Durable Goods	419.47	420.30	427.12	42.2	42.8	43.1	9.94	9.82	9.91
Lumber & Wood Products	353.64	362.93	355.61	42.0	42.3	43.0	8.42	8.58	8.27
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	346.68	368.01	381.36	40.5	42.3	42.0	8.56	8.70	9.08
Fabricated Metal Products	441.29	426.38	451.89	45.4	45.7	46.3	9.72	9.33	9.76
Machinery, ex. Electrical	400.64	397.75	400.01	43.5	43.0	44.2	9.21	9.25	9.05
Electric & Electronic Equip.	589.09	554.95	602.00	44.9	43.8	45.4	13.12	12.67	13.26
Transportation Equipment	435.49	447.79	435.51	40.1	41.5	40.4	10.86	10.79	10.78
Nondurable Goods	493.92	500.29	507.45	42.0	41.9	42.5	11.76	11.94	11.94
Food & Kindred Products	293.38	296.35	307.69	39.7	39.2	39.6	7.39	7.56	7.77
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	215.04	204.40	202.83	38.4	36.5	37.7	5.60	5.60	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	525.08	610.54	563.07	39.9	44.5	42.4	13.16	13.72	13.28
Printing & Publishing	391.51	396.00	385.97	36.9	37.5	37.4	10.61	10.56	10.32
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	704.67	715.76	726.73	45.2	46.0	46.2	15.59	15.56	15.73
Petroleum & Coal Products	768.85	662.00	723.38	48.6	42.6	46.7	15.82	15.54	15.49
Petroleum Refining	784.36	666.86	736.93	48.9	42.1	46.7	16.04	15.84	15.78
MINING	544.64	549.24	538.70	45.5	46.0	46.6	11.97	11.94	11.56
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	530.45	526.61	512.59	41.9	41.4	39.4	12.66	12.72	13.01
BANKING	279.38	281.56	271.13	37.4	38.1	37.5	7.47	7.39	7.23

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 128,000 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 88,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1989				REVISED MAY 1989				REVISED JUNE 1988			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,939.2	1,754.6	184.6	9.5	1,895.2	1,717.1	178.1	9.4	1,949.8	1,728.9	220.9	11.3
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.3	55.6	5.7	9.3	60.0	54.4	5.6	9.3	61.1	55.0	6.1	10.0
Baton Rouge 2/	271.2	248.2	23.0	8.5	267.7	246.5	21.2	7.9	272.5	245.9	26.6	9.8
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.7	64.8	5.9	8.4	69.6	63.2	6.4	9.2	71.3	63.4	7.9	11.1
Lafayette 4/	100.0	92.0	8.0	8.0	99.3	91.1	8.2	8.3	100.5	90.6	9.9	9.9
Lake Charles 5/	76.9	69.4	7.5	9.7	73.5	66.3	7.2	9.8	77.5	68.0	9.5	12.3
Monroe 6/	70.0	63.8	6.2	8.8	66.8	60.9	5.9	8.9	69.8	62.2	7.6	10.9
New Orleans 7/	603.1	551.5	51.6	8.6	591.2	540.8	50.4	8.5	606.7	545.4	61.3	10.1
Shreveport 8/	162.0	146.6	15.4	9.5	158.5	143.4	15.1	9.5	166.1	148.1	18.0	10.9

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
June 1988	118.0		
June 1989	124.1	+ 0.2	+ 5.2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY JUNE 89				REVISED MAY 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,475	20,175	2,300	10.3	21,775	19,500	2,275	10.4
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,450	8,350	1,100	11.5	9,250	8,175	1,075	11.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,300	5,400	900	14.3	6,075	5,250	825	13.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,200	13,750	2,450	15.1	15,700	13,375	2,325	14.8
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,400	12,125	1,275	9.6	13,125	11,850	1,275	9.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	7,075	6,275	800	11.3	6,750	6,050	700	10.6
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	3,975	3,575	400	9.9	3,900	3,475	425	10.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,950	4,625	325	6.4	4,850	4,500	350	7.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,200	3,500	700	16.8	3,950	3,325	625	15.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,425	7,375	1,050	12.5	7,925	7,175	750	9.6
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,850	9,450	1,400	12.8	10,250	9,000	1,250	12.3
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,150	11,750	1,400	10.7	12,500	11,125	1,375	11.1
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,425	3,525	900	20.2	4,050	3,275	775	19.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,375	6,600	775	10.4	7,200	6,450	750	10.3
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,475	11,950	1,525	11.4	13,175	11,700	1,475	11.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,125	7,100	1,025	12.6	7,825	6,775	1,050	13.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,050	6,225	825	11.6	6,825	6,000	825	11.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,275	23,550	2,725	10.4	25,625	23,025	2,600	10.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,350	9,750	1,600	14.1	10,975	9,500	1,475	13.5
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,725	6,100	625	9.3	6,575	6,000	575	8.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,500	10,100	1,400	12.2	11,100	9,675	1,425	12.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,525	5,875	650	10.0	6,500	5,850	650	9.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,075	17,175	900	4.9	17,650	16,825	825	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,675	4,850	825	14.5	5,450	4,700	750	13.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,700	11,150	1,550	12.2	12,050	10,625	1,425	11.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,450	14,675	1,775	10.8	16,175	14,550	1,625	10.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,600	7,825	775	9.1	8,600	7,750	850	9.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,500	6,100	1,400	18.6	7,150	6,025	1,125	15.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,925	3,850	1,075	21.8	4,225	3,750	475	11.3
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,800	7,825	975	11.1	8,500	7,525	975	11.5
MANY (SABINE)	9,950	9,125	825	8.2	9,750	8,850	900	9.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,925	2,550	375	12.7	2,850	2,525	325	11.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,725	6,725	1,000	13.0	7,600	6,650	950	12.4
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	31,125	26,625	4,500	14.5	30,425	26,050	4,375	14.4
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,975	22,175	2,800	11.2	24,225	21,525	2,700	11.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,150	33,150	5,000	13.1	37,450	32,625	4,825	12.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,175	2,825	350	11.0	2,925	2,625	300	10.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,575	7,725	850	9.9	8,350	7,475	875	10.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,925	16,775	2,150	11.4	18,450	16,250	2,200	12.0
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,675	17,125	1,550	8.3	18,350	16,775	1,575	8.5
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,600	16,500	2,100	11.3	18,025	16,000	2,025	11.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,050	17,600	2,450	12.2	19,700	17,450	2,250	11.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,875	3,900	975	20.2	4,675	3,675	1,000	21.3
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,225	3,825	400	9.6	4,225	3,825	400	9.3
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,050	5,500	550	9.2	5,900	5,400	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	May 1989	June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.7	45.7	45.5	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.4	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.1	2.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.7	11.0	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.8	9.1	0	- 0.3
General Merchandise	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	11.5	11.5	11.4	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.1	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.9	13.2	12.6	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Federal	3.1	3.2	2.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.8	10.0	9.8	- 0.2	0
State	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Local	5.3	5.5	5.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,700 for June. This estimate was the same as last month and 200 more than June, 1988.

Current month employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,500. This figure increased by 100 from the previous month and 200 from June of last year. The increase from May was in other nondurable goods, while the increase from last year came from other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for June was estimated at 42,200. This figure decreased by 100 from last month, but was unchanged from June, 1988. The decline from last month was in government. Although the overall figure was unchanged from June of last year, increases did occur in services and government, but were offset by decreases in both construction and retail trade.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	219.1	222.9	217.6	- 3.8	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	19.8	19.6	19.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.4	15.2	15.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.5	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.0	24.4	24.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.5	53.5	52.2	0	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	41.5	41.5	40.6	0	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.4	13.6	13.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Banking	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	46.4	46.1	46.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	50.6	54.3	50.2	- 3.7	+ 0.4
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	48.3	52.0	48.0	- 3.7	+ 0.3
State	25.5	29.4	25.2	- 3.9	+ 0.3
Local	22.8	22.6	22.8	+ 0.2	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$556.42	$555.99	$549.54	43.0	43.0	42.6	$12.94	$12.93	$12.90
Petro-Chemicals	704.74	708.50	704.44	43.8	44.7	44.5	16.09	15.85	15.83

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Baton Rouge MSA nonagricultural employment, at 219,100, for June was down 3,800 from May, but up 1,500 from the year-ago estimate. Manufacturing employment continued to edge upward, while nonmanufacturing continued to decline.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 19,800, reported an increase of 200 over-the-month and 600 over the previous year. Recent plant expansions triggered an increase of 200 in the nondurable goods segment.

Nonmanufacturing employment declined by 4,000 in June to 199,300. Construction employment, following the same trend as last year, decreased 400 due to adverse weather conditions. A reduction in staff at a local bank and a large insurance company caused a loss of 200 in finance, insurance, and real estate. On a positive note, services employment was up 300 due to seasonal increases in hotels, social services, and continued staff increases by a new establishment in health services. Local government reported a seasonal increase of 200, but was offset by seasonal decreases at the state's universities in the Baton Rouge area.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $556.42 for June, an increase of $0.43 from the May average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $6.88. Average weekly hours remained at 43.0, while average hourly earnings increased by one cent to $12.94.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA is estimated at 271,200, comprised of 248,200 employed and 23,000 unemployed. The local unemployment rate for June was 8.5 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,532 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,438 referrals to current openings resulted in 383 placements during the month of June.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.4	54.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	4.6	4.5	4.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.6	1.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	6.2	6.2	0	0
Water Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	13.8	14.0	+ 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.1	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.7	10.7	10.8	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.1	2.2	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	9.6	9.4	9.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.7	10.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.2	9.8	- 0.3	+ 0.1
State	2.7	3.1	2.6	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Local	7.2	7.1	7.2	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in June moved up to 54,700, a level 300 above May. The small changes were scattered and mostly seasonal in nature. Since June, 1988, nonagricultural employment exhibited an increase of 400.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,600, up 100 over the previous month. The durable goods segment remained steady. The nondurable goods segment had increases reflecting the seasonal activity in the seafood processing industry.

Wholesale trade had a seasonal increase in both the durable goods and nondurable goods segments. Employment in finance rose by 100. In services, the largest gain was a seasonal increase in business services. State government had seasonal adjustments in educational services. Local government's employment increase was due to temporary summer workers.

Estimated unemployment was 5,900 in June. Unemployment presently comprises 8.4 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 865.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	85.5	86.5	85.5	- 1.0	0
MANUFACTURING	6.9	6.8	7.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.0	5.5	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
MINING	11.4	11.5	11.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.8	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.9	6.2	6.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.3	23.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.0	17.9	18.0	+ 0.1	0
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Other Retail Trade	10.7	10.6	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.7	18.7	18.8	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.0	12.7	11.6	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.2	11.9	10.7	- 0.7	+ 0.5
State	4.2	4.9	3.7	- 0.7	+ 0.5
Local	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 85,500 for June, 1989, a decrease of 1,000 from last month's estimate. The decrease in employment was due mainly to a seasonal downturn in the government segment of nonmanufacturing.

Manufacturing was up by 100 in June, with the growth occurring in the nondurable goods sector of the economy.

Wholesale and retail trade rose by 100 from the previous month due to expansion in the other retail trade sector. Mining declined by 100 from the May revised estimate. Construction dropped by 100 from the prior month due to a slowdown in the residential and commercial building industry. Transportation and public utilities decreased by 300 from last month's estimate. Government employment declined by 700 from the May revised figure due to layoffs at educational institutions within state government.

All other segments of the economy showed no change from the previous month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.1	59.5	60.2	+ 1.6	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	10.7	10.7	11.1	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	5.1	4.8	4.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.5	11.5	11.4	0	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.3	0	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	12.3	11.9	11.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.5	0.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.2	10.4	11.5	+ 0.8	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	9.8	10.9	+ 0.8	- 0.3
State	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Local	7.6	6.8	7.8	+ 0.8	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 61,100 during the month of June, 1989, an increase of 1,600 from May, 1989. The increase in employment was due mainly to seasonal hiring in the government segment of nonmanufacturing.

Employment in construction rose by 300 in June due to increases in general and heavy construction contractors. Trade was up by 100 from the prior month due to an expansion in the wholesale trade sector of the economy. Services increased by 400 over last month's estimate with increases in personal health and legal services leading the way. Government was up by 800 due to summer youth hiring in local government.

All other sectors showed no change from last month's estimate.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.6	53.8	54.4	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.2	5.3	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.0	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.6	13.3	14.0	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.9	0	- 0.4
Retail Trade	10.1	9.8	10.1	+ 0.3	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.1	1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.1	3.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.4	0	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.1	12.2	11.6	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.8	11.4	11.2	+ 1.4	+ 1.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	12.2	10.8	10.6	+ 1.4	+ 1.6
State	4.8	4.7	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Local	7.4	6.1	7.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 55,600 for the month of June. This estimate was 1,800 above the May estimate and 1,200 above the June, 1988 estimate.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 7,200. This total was unchanged as the gain of 100 in nondurable goods was offset by the loss of 100 in durable goods.

Construction rose by 100 as weather conditions improved. Transportation and public utilities rose by 100. Trade increased by 300. Services showed a loss of 100. Government was up by 1,400 due to special summer projects for disadvantaged youths. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	519.7	519.7	518.2	0	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	44.0	43.4	43.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	22.8	22.7	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.1	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.5	10.5	10.0	0	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.2	20.7	21.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.3	5.9	6.3	+ 0.4	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	15.1	15.0	15.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.1	14.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	23.2	23.1	- 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.6	44.2	44.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.5	13.2	13.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.9	134.7	135.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	33.1	32.8	32.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	19.0	18.8	18.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.1	14.0	13.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	101.8	101.9	103.0	- 0.1	- 1.2
General Merchandise	13.2	13.0	13.7	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Food Stores	20.3	20.3	20.0	0	+ 0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	34.6	34.6	35.0	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.3	33.3	33.8	0	- 0.5
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
SERVICES	137.4	138.6	136.4	- 1.2	+ 1.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.2	13.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	38.1	38.1	37.3	0	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	87.4	87.3	86.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Federal	16.4	16.4	16.3	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	71.0	70.9	70.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
State	17.8	18.6	17.1	- 0.8	+ 0.7
Local	53.2	52.3	53.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$434.11	$433.46	$429.72	40.8	40.7	41.2	$10.64	$10.65	$10.43
Durable Goods	369.38	383.76	390.29	38.8	40.1	41.3	9.52	9.57	9.45
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	279.00	296.56	313.14	30.0	32.2	34.0	9.30	9.21	9.21
Fabricated Metal Products	373.64	357.76	530.42	38.8	38.1	51.1	9.63	9.39	10.38
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	345.60	362.10	344.96	38.4	40.1	39.2	9.00	9.03	8.80
Nondurable Goods	503.22	487.75	472.65	42.9	41.3	41.1	11.73	11.81	11.50
Food & Kindred Products	299.70	324.63	304.29	37.0	37.4	37.8	8.10	8.68	8.05
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	234.84	211.85	184.91	40.7	36.4	36.4	5.77	5.82	5.08
Paper & Allied Products	442.31	434.34	373.15	49.2	48.1	43.9	8.99	9.03	8.50
Printing & Publishing	375.06	391.43	352.49	38.0	39.3	37.3	9.87	9.96	9.45
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	733.66	738.89	733.25	46.2	46.5	45.6	15.88	15.89	16.08

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1989*	May 1989**	June 1988**	Net Change From May 1989	Net Change From June 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	128.7	128.9	130.7	- 0.2	- 2.0
MANUFACTURING	17.7	17.3	18.2	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Durable Goods	12.8	12.4	13.0	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.2	7.0	7.5	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.0	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.0	5.8	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods	5.2	5.0	5.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.9	5.2	0	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	6.4	6.5	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.1	8.0	8.1	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.4	31.5	32.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.3	7.5	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.1	24.2	24.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.2	6.8	0	- 0.6
SERVICES	30.5	30.9	31.9	- 0.4	- 1.4
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.5	23.7	- 0.1	+ 1.7
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
State and Local	20.5	20.6	18.8	- 0.1	+ 1.7
State	6.4	6.4	6.0	0	+ 0.4
Local	14.1	14.2	12.8	- 0.1	+ 1.3

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**	June '89*	May '89**	June '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$474.88	$458.39	$497.90	42.4	42.8	41.7	$11.20	$10.71	$11.94
Lumber and Wood Products	271.47	354.77	221.12	30.4	41.3	32.0	8.93	8.59	6.91
Metals and Machinery	501.23	441.95	516.91	48.9	48.3	44.6	10.25	9.15	11.59
Food and Kindred Products	403.88	365.06	344.96	46.0	43.1	44.0	8.78	8.47	7.84
Printing and Publishing	232.66	287.22	347.00	29.6	32.9	35.7	7.86	8.73	9.72
Petroleum and Coal Products	629.16	642.00	556.66	47.7	50.0	46.7	13.19	12.84	11.92

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA, estimated at 128,700, dropped below the May revised estimate of 128,900. The employment gain in manufacturing from May to June was not enough to offset job losses in the total nonmanufacturing sector.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,700, moved up from 17,300 in May. Jobs increased over-the-month in metals and machinery and in other durable goods. These increases were due primarily to adding summer workers. Total manufacturing employment remains 500 less than the June, 1988 estimate.

The nonmanufacturing employment estimate dropped to 111,000, down from 111,600 in May. Job losses from May to June occurred in construction, trade, services, and government. A slight employment increase in transportation and public utilities was the only over-the-month gain in nonmanufacturing.

The Shreveport MSA had an estimated 13,100 production workers in manufacturing that earned average weekly wages of $474.88. These earnings were up $16.49 from the May revised weekly earnings, but $23.02 less than June, 1988. Average weekly hours decreased slightly to 42.4, down 0.4 hours from the May revised average. Hourly earnings averaged $11.20, up from $10.71 in May, but fell below the June, 1988 average of $11.94.

The civilian labor force of the Shreveport MSA was estimated at 162,000, including 146,600 employed and 15,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the area was 9.5 percent.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,513,800 for July, a decrease of 7,100 from the June revised level, but an increase of 12,800 over the July figure a year ago. A decrease in both durable and nondurable goods resulted in lower employment for manufacturing. Local education experienced a seasonal decrease which contributed to lower employment for nonmanufacturing.

Durable goods employment for July, estimated at 75,600, was 800 lower than last month. Less demand for certain fabricated metal products was largely responsible for the decrease in the fabricated metal products industry. A temporary reduction of work force for some firms in the electrical and electronic equipment segment resulted in a downturn for this industry.

Employment in the nondurable goods segment of manufacturing, at 96,600, was 700 below the June revised level. Food and Kindred products employment was down due in large part to decreases in the miscellaneous foods and kindred products segment. Printing and publishing employment rose by 200 in July.

Estimated employment in the nonmanufacturing industries during July was 1,341,600, down 5,600 from the June revised level. Mining employment rose by 200 in July. General building construction and several special trades experienced employment decreases in July. Transportation and public utilities experienced an increase in employment levels as a result of more activity in trucking and warehousing and more business in certain segments of water transportation. Trade employment moved up due mostly to more business in the food stores segment of retail trade. A decrease in real estate employment was instrumental in the lower level for the finance, insurance and real estate industry. Lower employment for hotels and social services contributed to the downturn in services employment. Government employment was down due to a decrease in local education employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 125,800 production workers in manufacturing increased from $459.73 in June to $460.24 in July, an increase of $0.51, but a decrease of $6.75 from July of last year. Average hourly earnings were $.017 higher in July than last month and five cents higher than July of last year. Weekly hours averaged 41.5 during July, a decrease of 0.6 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 191,100. The unemployment rate for July was 9.7 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for July was 5.3 percent. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,964,800 workers. Estimated total employment increased to 1,773,700 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	June 1989	July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,513.8	1,520.9	1,501.0	- 7.1	+12.8
MINING	57.3	57.1	57.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.6	54.5	54.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	89.5	90.2	86.8	- 0.7	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	172.2	173.7	170.4	- 1.5	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	75.6	76.4	75.6	- 0.8	0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.4	12.7	0	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.5	0.6	+ 0.1	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.8	5.9	5.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.4	3.0	0	+ 0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	12.5	12.7	12.5	- 0.2	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.1	9.3	9.1	- 0.2	0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.1	6.5	6.8	- 0.4	- 0.7
Transportation Equipment	23.3	23.3	23.3	0	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.4	2.1	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	96.6	97.3	94.8	- 0.7	+ 1.8
Food & Kindred Products	19.7	20.8	20.6	- 1.1	- 0.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.7	10.8	9.5	- 0.1	+ 1.2
Paper & Allied Products	12.6	12.5	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	10.1	9.9	9.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.8	27.7	26.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.2	11.2	11.2	0	0
Petroleum Refining	10.3	10.3	10.3	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.5	4.4	4.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	109.8	108.7	107.4	+ 1.1	+ 2.4
Railroad Transportation	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	64.2	63.2	61.7	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Water Transportation	26.2	25.7	24.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.6	40.5	40.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.2	18.1	18.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.4	22.5	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	364.3	364.1	360.1	+ 0.2	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	82.5	82.6	82.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.7	45.8	46.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.8	36.4	0	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	281.8	281.5	277.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.3
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.4	60.2	57.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Food Stores	56.0	55.6	54.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.0	29.9	30.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	85.4	85.7	85.4	- 0.3	0
Other Retail Trade	50.0	50.1	49.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	Net Change from June 1989	Net Change from July 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	80.2	80.6	82.4	- 0.4	- 2.2
Banking	22.8	22.8	23.7	0	- 0.9
SERVICES	329.6	330.3	326.4	- 0.7	+ 3.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	20.9	21.3	21.0	- 0.4	- 0.1
Personal Services	14.6	14.5	15.0	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Business Services	63.1	63.0	61.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.6	9.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.7	9.8	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Health Services	107.6	107.3	105.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Legal Services	16.9	16.9	15.9	0	+ 1.0
Educational Services	14.8	15.0	16.2	- 0.2	- 1.4
Social Services	18.4	18.8	18.1	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Membership Organizations	25.9	25.8	26.4	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Miscellaneous Services	15.9	16.0	15.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	310.9	316.2	310.4	- 5.3	+ 0.5
Federal	36.5	36.7	36.3	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State and Local	274.4	279.5	274.1	- 5.1	+ 0.3
State	86.0	86.6	86.8	- 0.6	- 0.8
Local	188.4	192.9	187.3	- 4.5	+ 1.1

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$460.24	$459.73	$466.99	41.5	42.1	42.3	$11.09	$10.92	$11.04
Durable Goods	417.00	419.89	412.72	41.7	42.2	42.2	10.00	9.95	9.78
Lumber & Wood Products	366.24	354.90	354.53	42.0	42.1	43.5	8.72	8.43	8.15
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	368.92	348.88	382.81	40.9	40.9	41.7	9.02	8.53	9.18
Fabricated Metal Products	443.32	440.83	431.64	44.6	45.4	44.0	9.94	9.71	9.81
Machinery, ex. Electrical	391.02	397.81	401.28	42.0	43.1	44.0	9.31	9.23	9.12
Electric & Electronic Equip.	501.83	582.51	522.37	41.1	44.5	42.4	12.21	13.09	12.32
Transportation Equipment	439.39	435.49	427.18	40.2	40.1	40.3	10.93	10.86	10.60
Nondurable Goods	496.84	494.68	515.16	41.3	42.1	42.4	12.03	11.75	12.15
Food & Kindred Products	302.40	303.07	312.78	40.0	40.9	39.0	7.56	7.41	8.02
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	191.30	215.07	188.51	34.1	38.2	34.4	5.61	5.63	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	538.73	540.68	578.06	39.7	40.5	43.3	13.57	13.35	13.35
Printing & Publishing	382.72	388.61	404.45	36.8	36.8	38.3	10.40	10.56	10.56
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	727.97	714.75	733.91	45.9	45.7	46.1	15.86	15.64	15.92
Petroleum & Coal Products	716.96	723.38	729.96	45.9	45.9	47.4	15.62	15.76	15.40
Petroleum Refining	724.80	734.40	742.61	45.7	45.9	47.3	15.86	16.00	15.70
MINING	558.27	550.97	539.78	46.6	46.3	45.9	11.98	11.90	11.76
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	536.76	529.17	519.60	42.0	41.7	40.0	12.78	12.69	12.99
BANKING	281.56	279.38	271.06	38.1	37.5	37.7	7.39	7.45	7.19

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 125,800 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,200 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JULY 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JUNE 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JULY 1988 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,964.8	1,773.7	191.1	9.7	1,940.3	1,755.1	185.2	9.5	1,975.0	1,768.9	206.1	10.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	62.1	55.5	6.6	10.7	61.4	55.7	5.7	9.2	61.9	55.7	6.2	10.0
Baton Rouge 2/	275.0	250.9	24.1	8.8	270.3	247.3	23.0	8.5	276.1	250.4	25.7	9.3
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.3	66.2	6.1	8.4	71.5	65.6	5.9	8.3	71.5	64.2	7.3	10.1
Lafayette 4/	102.5	94.0	8.5	8.3	100.4	92.3	8.1	8.0	103.3	94.1	9.2	8.9
Lake Charles 5/	78.5	71.1	7.4	9.5	76.9	69.5	7.4	9.7	78.7	70.2	8.5	10.8
Monroe 6/	69.9	63.5	6.4	9.2	69.3	63.1	6.2	8.9	70.8	63.5	7.3	10.3
New Orleans 7/	615.4	561.6	53.8	8.7	607.0	555.0	52.0	8.6	615.4	559.0	56.4	9.2
Shreveport 8/	160.4	144.5	15.9	9.9	160.1	144.6	15.5	9.7	167.1	150.3	16.8	10.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
July 1988	118.5		
July 1989	124.4	+ 0.2	+ 5.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY JULY 89				REVISED JUNE 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,600	20,125	2,475	10.9	22,500	20,200	2,300	10.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,775	8,700	1,075	10.9	9,475	8,375	1,100	11.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,375	5,500	875	13.8	6,275	5,425	850	13.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,250	13,750	2,500	15.4	16,150	13,700	2,450	15.1
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,850	12,525	1,325	9.6	13,450	12,150	1,300	9.7
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	7,050	6,300	750	10.6	7,100	6,275	825	11.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,100	3,675	425	10.4	3,975	3,575	400	9.9
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,950	4,650	300	6.1	4,950	4,625	325	6.4
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,325	3,575	750	17.3	4,200	3,500	700	16.9
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,225	7,375	850	10.2	8,425	7,400	1,025	12.3
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,700	9,250	1,450	13.5	10,875	9,475	1,400	12.8
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,950	11,550	1,400	10.8	13,200	11,775	1,425	10.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,225	3,400	825	19.5	4,400	3,525	875	20.1
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,775	6,925	850	10.9	7,400	6,625	775	10.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,650	12,050	1,600	11.8	13,500	11,975	1,525	11.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,175	7,175	1,000	12.3	8,175	7,125	1,050	12.8
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,350	6,450	900	12.2	7,050	6,250	800	11.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,550	23,875	2,675	10.1	26,325	23,600	2,725	10.4
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,675	9,900	1,775	15.2	11,375	9,775	1,600	14.1
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,750	6,175	575	8.4	6,700	6,075	625	9.2
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,675	10,250	1,425	12.3	11,500	10,100	1,400	12.2
JENA (LASALLE)	6,725	6,050	675	10.1	6,550	5,900	650	10.0
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,350	16,425	925	5.3	18,100	17,200	900	4.9
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,675	4,800	875	15.3	5,650	4,825	825	14.5
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,700	11,150	1,550	12.2	12,725	11,175	1,550	12.2
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,825	15,050	1,775	10.5	16,525	14,725	1,800	10.9
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,675	7,875	800	9.2	8,625	7,850	775	9.1
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,675	6,150	1,525	19.8	7,525	6,125	1,400	18.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,375	3,875	500	11.4	5,025	3,850	1,175	23.2
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,975	7,975	1,000	11.2	8,800	7,825	975	11.1
MANY (SABINE)	10,175	9,250	925	9.1	9,875	9,075	800	8.2
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,825	2,425	400	13.9	2,925	2,550	375	12.7
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,950	6,950	1,000	12.7	7,750	6,725	1,025	13.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	31,675	27,075	4,600	14.5	31,175	26,650	4,525	14.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,200	22,275	2,925	11.6	25,000	22,225	2,775	11.1
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,075	33,600	5,475	14.0	38,200	33,200	5,000	13.1
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,225	2,875	350	11.0	3,175	2,825	350	11.0
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,600	7,700	900	10.4	8,575	7,725	850	10.0
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,350	17,100	2,250	11.6	18,975	16,825	2,150	11.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,950	17,400	1,550	8.2	18,675	17,125	1,550	8.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,775	16,700	2,075	11.0	17,300	15,275	2,025	11.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	20,000	17,450	2,550	12.7	20,000	17,550	2,450	12.2
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,825	3,925	900	18.8	4,950	3,925	1,025	20.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,175	3,750	425	10.2	4,225	3,825	400	9.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,950	5,400	550	9.1	6,075	5,500	575	9.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	Net Change From June 1989	Net Change From July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.2	45.7	45.1	- 0.5	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.7	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.8	1.9	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.2	1.1	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.8	9.1	0	- 0.3
General Merchandise	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.6	11.6	11.3	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	5.3	5.2	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.8	12.2	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.8	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.3	9.7	9.4	- 0.4	- 0.1
State	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
Local	4.9	5.3	4.8	- 0.4	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,200 for July. This estimate was 500 less than last month and 100 more than July, 1988.

Employment in manufacturing remained unchanged from the previous month, but increased by 200 from July of last year. The increase was in other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for July was estimated at 41,700. This was a decline of 500 from last month, mainly due to the seasonal reduction of noninstructional school personnel. Compared to July, 1988, nonmanufacturing employment declined by 100.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	Net Change From June 1989	Net Change From July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	219.3	218.7	217.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	19.8	19.8	19.2	0	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	15.4	15.4	15.0	0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.8	10.8	10.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.4	24.0	24.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.5	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.3	53.2	52.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.4	41.3	41.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.4	13.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	46.3	46.3	46.0	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	50.6	50.6	50.3	0	+ 0.3
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	48.2	48.2	48.1	0	+ 0.1
State	25.4	25.4	25.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	22.8	22.8	22.8	0	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$575.52	$555.99	$575.02	44.0	43.0	43.3	$13.08	$12.91	$13.28
Petro-Chemicals	728.23	700.95	744.38	45.6	43.7	45.5	15.97	16.04	16.36

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment rose to a level of 219,300 in July. This figure was 600 greater than a month ago, and 1,600 higher than the year-ago level. Employment gains were reported in nonmanufacturing with the majority of increases in construction.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 19,800, remained unchanged from the prior month. Compared to the year-ago estimate, employment was up 600, with significant gains in both durable and nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment rebounded over the month, gaining 600 workers. This increase came after two consecutive months of decline. Compared to one year ago, total nonmanufacturing employment was up 1,000. Construction employment was 400 higher in July with more business in both general building contractors-nonresidential and heavy construction. Trade employment was up 100 due to seasonal increases in department stores. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed an increase of 100 due to increased employment in banking. Total government, estimated at 50,600, remained unchanged from the previous month.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $575.52 for July, an increase of $19.53 from the June average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $0.50. Average weekly hours at 44.0, increased by 1.0 hours. Average hourly earnings at $13.08, increased by $0.15 per hour. Overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA moved upward to 275,000 for July. Estimated employment rose to 250,900, while unemployment climbed to 24,100. The local unemployment rate for July was 8.8 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,121 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,669 referrals to current openings resulted in 327 placements during the month of July.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	June 1989	July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.3	55.5	54.0	- 0.2	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.6	4.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	6.3	6.3	6.0	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.0	14.1	14.0	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.3	3.2	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
SERVICES	9.7	9.6	9.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.6	9.8	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.1	9.3	- 0.2	+ 0.6
State	2.8	2.8	2.2	0	+ 0.6
Local	7.1	7.3	7.1	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in July tapered off to 55,300, a level 200 below June. The decrease was equally divided between manufacturing and nonmanufacturing. Since July, 1988, nonagricultural employment added 1,300 workers.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500, down 100 from the previous month. The nondurable goods segment was down due to seasonal factors affecting seafood processing. The durable goods segment was unchanged.

Water transportation edged up in most major segments. Wholesale trade eased down in the nondurable goods sector. Services displayed a small increase spread through several industries. Local government made normal seasonal downward adjustments in employment by educational services.

Estimated unemployment was 6,100 in July. Unemployment presently comprises 8.4 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux area. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 870.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	Net Change From June 1989	Net Change From July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	86.4	85.7	86.7	+ 0.7	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	6.9	7.0	7.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
MINING	11.6	11.4	11.6	+ 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.8	3.3	- 0.2	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.2	5.9	6.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.3	23.5	23.8	- 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	17.8	18.0	18.4	- 0.2	- 0.6
General Merchandise	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.4	10.6	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.5	18.7	18.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.8	11.9	12.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
Federal	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
State and Local	12.0	11.1	11.6	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
State	4.1	4.0	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.9	7.1	7.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 86,400, an increase of 700 from last month's revised figure.

Mining increased by 200 from last month's estimate due to fairly stable oil prices. Transportation and public utilities rose by 300 over last month due to gains in motor freight and public utilities. Government was up by 900 due to summer youth hiring primarily at the local government level.

Manufacturing was down by 100 from June's estimate due to a decline in the durable goods sector. Construction dropped by 200 from the previous month's estimate with the decrease centered in the special trade contractors sector. Trade was down by 200 due to less employment in eating and drinking places. Services was down by 200 due to private education employment declining.

All other sectors of the economy showed no change from last month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	June 1989	July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.6	61.1	60.8	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	10.7	10.7	11.2	0	- 0.5
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.8	0	- 0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.7	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	5.5	5.1	4.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.3	4.1	4.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.2	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Retail Trade	11.5	11.6	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.2	0	+ 0.3
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	12.2	12.2	12.2	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.2	11.5	0	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	- 0.3
State	2.9	3.0	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	7.7	7.6	7.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 61,600, an increase of 500 from the June, 1989 level.

Construction rose by 400 over last month's figure due to employment growth in the residential, commercial and special trade contractors sectors of the economy. Transportation and public utilities increased by 200 in July due to water transportation employment expanding.

Trade declined by 100 from the previous month due to less employment in automobile dealers and service stations.

All other sectors of the economy were unchanged from last month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	Net Change From	
				June 1989	July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	54.7	54.6	0	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.2	6.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.9	1.8	- 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.6	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	3.9	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.5	0.4	0.5	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.7	14.2	0	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.5	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Retail Trade	10.1	10.2	10.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.4	0	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.2	12.1	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	11.8	11.9	11.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	11.2	11.3	10.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State	4.1	4.0	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	7.1	7.3	7.2	- 0.2	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 54,700. This estimate was unchanged from June but increased 100 above July, 1988.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was 100 below the June estimate, but 200 above July, 1988. The monthly loss was in durable goods, while the over-the-year gain was in nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing gained 100 to an estimated 47,600 in July. Gains of 100 in both mining and services were partially offset by a decrease of 100 in government.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	Net Change From June 1989	Net Change From July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	522.4	522.4	519.3	0	+ 3.1
MANUFACTURING	43.7	43.9	43.4	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	22.9	22.8	22.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.8	2.7	2.8	+ 0.1	0
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.2	13.9	0	+ 0.3
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.5	10.5	10.2	0	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.8	21.1	20.6	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.9	6.2	5.9	- 0.3	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	15.3	15.3	15.2	0	+ 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.4	14.4	14.3	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	22.9	23.0	23.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.4	44.6	44.6	- 0.2	- 0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.6	13.5	13.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.1	135.0	134.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	33.0	33.1	32.2	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.7	18.9	18.6	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.3	14.2	13.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	102.1	101.9	102.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
General Merchandise	13.3	13.3	13.8	0	- 0.5
Food Stores	20.2	20.3	20.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	34.6	34.5	34.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.2	33.3	34.0	- 0.1	- 0.8
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	137.2	138.0	136.3	- 0.8	+ 0.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.2	13.2	12.8	0	+ 0.4
Health Services	38.1	38.1	37.4	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	90.6	89.3	88.0	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Federal	16.3	16.4	16.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	74.3	72.9	71.8	+ 1.4	+ 2.5
State	17.7	17.7	17.9	0	- 0.2
Local	56.6	55.2	53.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$432.02	$435.49	$443.87	40.3	40.7	41.6	$10.72	$10.70	$10.67
Durable Goods	379.03	376.14	390.19	39.4	39.1	40.9	9.62	9.62	9.54
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	308.14	278.10	288.00	31.0	30.0	32.0	9.94	9.27	9.00
Fabricated Metal Products	394.39	373.64	502.88	39.4	38.8	48.4	10.01	9.63	10.39
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	351.53	345.98	356.49	38.8	38.4	40.1	9.06	9.01	8.89
Nondurable Goods	490.64	499.80	504.56	41.3	42.5	42.4	11.88	11.76	11.90
Food & Kindred Products	319.98	300.00	350.61	37.6	36.9	40.3	8.51	8.13	8.70
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	187.15	234.84	190.05	33.6	40.7	35.0	5.57	5.77	5.43
Paper & Allied Products	416.76	435.94	398.72	46.0	47.8	44.7	9.06	9.12	8.92
Printing & Publishing	362.67	371.42	389.66	38.5	37.9	39.6	9.42	9.80	9.84
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	761.89	760.11	766.82	46.4	47.3	46.0	16.42	16.07	16.67

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in July remained at 522,400, the same level as in June. Increases in some industry divisions were offset by losses in others. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 3,100 workers, with the largest increases in services and local government.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,700, down 200 from the previous month. Machinery was up 100 over the previous month due to more business. Food and kindred products was down 300 due to seasonal factors affecting the seafood processing industry.

Mining showed no change from the previous month. Construction adjusted downward. Transportation and public utilities lost workers primarily in the public utilities segment. Small losses in wholesale trade were offset by gains in retail trade. Finance, insurance and real estate moved down. Services displayed a sizable decrease mostly due to the completion of a locally filmed motion picture. Government made normal seasonal gains with employment of summer workers in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $432.02 per week in July, down $3.47 from last month's average. Compared to last year, weekly earnings are down $11.85 in manufacturing. Average weekly hours were 40.3, down 0.4 of an hour from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.72, up two cents from the previous month.

Estimated unemployment for July was 53,800. The unemployment rate was 8.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,157.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1989*	June 1989**	July 1988**	Net Change From June 1989	Net Change From July 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	126.3	127.5	129.9	- 1.2	- 3.6
MANUFACTURING	17.8	17.9	18.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	12.7	12.9	12.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.1	1.7	0	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.1	5.7	0	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	5.1	5.3	5.0	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.0	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
MINING	3.1	3.0	3.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	6.2	6.4	6.7	- 0.2	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.2	8.1	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.7	31.5	32.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.3	7.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.3	24.2	24.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.2	6.8	0	- 0.6
SERVICES	30.4	30.3	31.7	+ 0.1	- 1.3
GOVERNMENT	22.7	24.1	23.0	- 1.4	- 0.3
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.8	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	17.8	19.2	18.2	- 1.4	- 0.4
State	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 0.1
Local	11.8	13.2	12.1	- 1.4	- 0.3

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**	July '89*	June '89**	July '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$463.27	$476.85	$473.88	41.4	42.5	41.1	$11.19	$11.22	$11.53
Lumber and Wood Products	431.66	271.47	254.82	45.2	30.4	37.2	9.55	8.93	6.85
Metals and Machinery	464.41	503.32	491.87	47.1	49.2	43.8	9.86	10.23	11.23
Food and Kindred Products	316.50	403.88	285.19	42.2	46.0	40.8	7.50	8.78	6.99
Printing and Publishing	278.77	291.09	335.12	30.5	31.0	34.8	9.14	9.39	9.53
Petroleum and Coal Products	652.89	629.16	615.23	50.3	47.7	51.7	12.98	13.19	11.90

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA dropped from an estimated 127,500 in June to 126,300 in July. Most of this change occurred in nonmanufacturing with only a slight decrease in manufacturing.

The employment estimate in manufacturing declined from 17,900 in June to 17,800 in July. Job losses in the production of other durable goods were partially offset by a small employment gain in the nondurable goods sector. The employment estimate of 17,800 for July fell 300 below the July, 1988 job total.

The job losses in nonmanufacturing were primarily seasonal, showing payroll reductions in educational services as schools closed for the summer. Nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 108,500, fell 1,100 below the June estimate of 109,600. In addition to job losses in the educational sector, construction jobs decreased over the month from 6,400 to 6,200. Trade provided the largest gain from June to July, increasing from 31,500 to 31,700. Small employment gains also occurred in mining, transportation and public utilities, and services sectors.

This area had an estimated 12,900 production workers in manufacturing that had average weekly earnings of $463.27, down $13.58 from the June average, and $10.61 less than July, 1988. The average weekly hours declined to 41.4 hours, down 1.1 hours from last month, but an increase of 0.3 hours from the July, 1988 average. The average hourly earnings of $11.19 are down from $11.22 in June and $11.53 in July, 1988.

The Shreveport MSA had a civilian labor force estimated at 160,400 in July, with 144,500 employed and 15,900 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 9.9 percent.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during August was estimated at 1,512,600, a decrease of 800 from the July revised figure but 12,400 above the comparable period a year ago. A decrease in the state's nonmanufacturing payrolls was responsible for the downturn in total nonagricultural employment. Manufacturing employment was higher for the current month.

Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 75,700 for August, was 200 higher than the July revised figure. A return to normal for some firms in the electrical and electronic equipment segment resulted in an upturn in employment for this industry.

Estimated employment in nondurable goods for August was up 800 above last month's level of 96,600. Food and kindred products employment was up due in large part to a seasonal increase in vegetable canning. The printing and publishing segment of nondurable goods moved down in August due to decreased demand for commercial printing. Chemicals and allied products employment increased by 200 in August.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing during August was estimated at 1,339,500, down 1,800 from July's estimate. Mining employment was up by 100 this month. An upturn in heavy construction was mainly responsible for the increase in construction employment. Transportation and public utilities employment increased due to more activity in certain segments of water transportation. Trade employment moved down due to less business in both wholesale and retail trade industries. A decrease in insurance employment accounted for most of the decline in the finance, insurance, and real estate segment. Increases in business services, health services and educational services were significant in the upward movement for total services employment. Government employment in August was down due to a decrease in local government, except education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 126,500 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $462.73 in July to $460.32 in August, a decrease of $2.41, but an increase of $1.01 from August of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.19 lower in August than last month but five cents higher than August of last year. Weekly hours averaged 42.0 in August, an increase of 0.5 hours from last month's figure.

Total unemployment for Louisiana stood at 158,500. The unemployment rate for August was 8.3 percent. The comparable national unemployment rate for August was 5.1 percent. The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,908,000 workers. Estimated total employment decreased to 1,749,500 for the current month.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change from July 1989	Net Change from August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,512.6	1,513.4	1,500.2	- 0.8	+12.4
MINING	57.4	57.3	56.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.7	54.6	54.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	90.4	90.1	87.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	173.1	172.1	171.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	75.7	75.5	76.2	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.3	12.9	- 0.1	- 0.7
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.4	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	12.3	12.4	12.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.4	9.4	9.2	0	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.5	6.1	7.0	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Transportation Equipment	23.2	23.3	23.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	97.4	96.6	95.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	19.8	20.7	+ 0.9	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.8	10.7	9.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Paper & Allied Products	12.6	12.6	12.3	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	9.7	10.0	9.7	- 0.3	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.0	27.8	26.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.2	11.2	11.3	0	- 0.1
Petroleum Refining	10.3	10.3	10.4	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.4	4.5	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	110.1	109.9	108.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Railroad Transportation	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	64.5	64.2	62.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Water Transportation	26.4	26.2	25.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.5	40.6	40.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.1	18.2	18.1	- 0.1	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.4	22.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	363.2	363.6	360.6	- 0.4	+ 2.6
Wholesale Trade	82.1	82.4	82.5	- 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	45.5	45.7	46.1	- 0.2	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	36.6	36.7	36.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	281.1	281.2	278.1	- 0.1	+ 3.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.3	60.0	58.3	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Food Stores	55.9	55.9	54.5	0	+ 1.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.5	29.9	30.3	- 0.4	- 0.8
Eating & Drinking Places	85.7	85.6	85.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Retail Trade	49.7	49.8	49.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change from July 1989	Net Change from August 1988
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.6	80.2	82.2	- 0.6	- 2.6
Banking	22.7	22.8	23.5	- 0.1	- 0.8
SERVICES	329.9	329.4	326.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.0	21.0	21.5	0	- 0.5
Personal Services	14.3	14.4	14.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Business Services	63.6	63.1	62.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.9	9.7	9.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	9.5	9.9	9.4	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Health Services	108.0	107.4	105.2	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Legal Services	16.9	16.9	15.9	0	+ 1.0
Educational Services	15.2	14.7	16.6	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Social Services	18.1	18.6	17.7	- 0.5	+ 0.4
Membership Organizations	25.6	25.9	25.9	- 0.3	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	16.1	16.0	15.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	308.9	310.8	306.8	- 1.9	+ 2.1
Federal	36.9	36.7	36.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
State and Local	272.0	274.1	270.4	- 2.1	+ 1.6
State	86.5	86.5	86.1	0	+ 0.4
Local	185.5	187.6	184.3	- 2.1	+ 1.2

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles MSA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$460.32	$462.73	$459.31	42.0	41.5	42.1	$10.96	$11.15	$10.91
Durable Goods	418.58	417.54	415.25	41.9	41.3	42.2	9.99	10.11	9.84
Lumber & Wood Products	370.44	366.24	353.13	42.0	42.0	42.7	8.82	8.72	8.27
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	374.10	361.40	362.18	43.0	40.2	39.8	8.70	8.99	9.10
Fabricated Metal Products	432.72	443.87	427.84	44.2	44.7	44.8	9.79	9.93	9.55
Machinery, ex. Electrical	394.91	391.26	403.88	39.1	38.7	43.9	10.10	10.11	9.20
Electric & Electronic Equip.	512.40	501.83	538.02	42.0	41.1	43.6	12.20	12.21	12.34
Transportation Equipment	440.23	440.19	429.72	40.8	40.2	39.9	10.79	10.95	10.77
Nondurable Goods	497.12	500.45	498.89	42.2	41.6	42.1	11.78	12.03	11.85
Food & Kindred Products	297.83	297.75	308.11	39.5	39.7	39.3	7.54	7.50	7.84
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	202.31	194.10	199.63	38.1	35.1	36.9	5.31	5.53	5.41
Paper & Allied Products	564.02	558.96	575.51	42.6	41.1	43.5	13.24	13.60	13.23
Printing & Publishing	391.09	384.30	396.79	37.0	36.6	38.3	10.57	10.50	10.36
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	733.58	732.99	713.18	46.4	46.1	45.6	15.81	15.90	15.64
Petroleum & Coal Products	685.54	719.44	689.30	44.4	46.0	45.2	15.44	15.64	15.25
Petroleum Refining	693.25	727.30	701.50	44.1	45.8	45.2	15.72	15.88	15.52
MINING	556.72	574.53	530.20	47.3	47.6	45.2	11.77	12.07	11.73
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	514.52	535.90	547.35	40.9	41.9	41.0	12.58	12.79	13.35
BANKING	287.75	281.23	276.02	40.7	37.8	37.2	7.07	7.44	7.42

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 126,500 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,300 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1989				REVISED JULY 1989				REVISED AUGUST 1988			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,908.0	1,749.5	158.5	8.3	1,965.3	1,773.6	191.7	9.8	1,924.4	1,710.9	213.5	11.1
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.3	55.1	5.2	8.6	61.9	55.7	6.2	10.0	60.3	53.9	6.4	10.6
Baton Rouge 2/	267.6	247.6	20.0	7.5	274.4	250.3	24.1	8.8	269.4	242.6	26.8	10.0
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.5	65.0	5.5	7.8	72.6	66.5	6.1	8.4	69.2	62.0	7.2	10.4
Lafayette 4/	99.6	92.7	6.9	6.9	102.0	93.5	8.5	8.3	100.9	90.9	10.0	10.0
Lake Charles 5/	75.2	69.1	6.1	8.1	78.4	71.0	7.4	9.4	76.1	67.1	9.0	11.8
Monroe 6/	67.7	62.6	5.1	7.6	70.1	63.7	6.4	9.2	68.5	61.3	7.2	10.6
New Orleans 7/	600.2	554.4	45.8	7.6	616.4	561.9	54.5	8.8	602.9	544.0	58.9	9.8
Shreveport 8/	155.8	142.5	13.3	8.5	159.8	143.9	15.9	10.0	161.8	144.3	17.5	10.8

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
August 1988	119.0		
August 1989	124.6	+ 0.2	+ 4.7

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 89				REVISED JULY 89			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,800	19,850	1,950	9.0	22,650	20,175	2,475	10.9
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,475	8,550	925	9.8	9,750	8,700	1,050	10.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,025	5,300	725	12.1	6,400	5,525	875	13.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,025	13,725	2,300	14.3	16,225	13,725	2,500	15.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,475	12,375	1,100	8.2	13,850	12,525	1,325	9.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,825	6,200	625	9.3	7,050	6,300	750	10.6
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	3,975	3,625	350	8.6	4,100	3,675	425	10.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,800	4,550	250	5.3	4,950	4,650	300	6.1
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,950	3,475	475	12.3	4,300	3,575	725	16.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,050	7,350	700	8.8	8,250	7,400	850	10.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,175	9,075	1,100	10.8	10,725	9,275	1,450	13.5
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	12,475	11,375	1,100	8.8	12,975	11,575	1,400	10.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,950	3,350	600	15.2	4,200	3,400	800	19.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,425	6,750	675	9.1	7,775	6,925	850	10.9
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,150	11,850	1,300	9.8	13,700	12,100	1,600	11.7
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	7,875	7,050	825	10.5	8,225	7,200	1,025	12.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,025	6,300	725	10.5	7,350	6,450	900	12.3
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,900	23,625	2,275	8.8	26,675	23,950	2,725	10.2
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,200	9,750	1,450	12.9	11,700	9,925	1,775	15.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,575	6,075	500	7.6	6,750	6,175	575	8.4
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,275	10,100	1,175	10.5	11,725	10,275	1,450	12.4
JENA (LASALLE)	6,475	6,000	475	7.4	6,725	6,050	675	10.0
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,875	16,175	700	4.2	17,375	16,450	925	5.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,350	4,700	650	12.3	5,675	4,800	875	15.3
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,175	10,950	1,225	10.0	12,750	11,175	1,575	12.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,375	14,950	1,425	8.8	16,900	15,100	1,800	10.6
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,450	7,775	675	7.9	8,675	7,875	800	9.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,375	6,175	1,200	16.4	7,675	6,150	1,525	20.0
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,325	3,825	500	11.3	4,400	3,900	500	11.4
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,700	7,875	825	9.5	9,000	7,975	1,025	11.3
MANY (SABINE)	9,750	9,075	675	7.0	10,150	9,225	925	9.1
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,725	2,425	300	11.4	2,850	2,450	400	13.7
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	7,600	6,750	850	11.3	8,000	6,975	1,025	12.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,625	26,900	3,725	12.2	31,775	27,125	4,650	14.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,300	21,925	2,375	9.8	25,200	22,300	2,900	11.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,625	33,375	4,250	11.3	39,250	33,675	5,575	14.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,125	2,850	275	8.8	3,225	2,875	350	10.9
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,500	7,725	775	9.3	8,625	7,725	900	10.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,750	17,025	1,725	9.2	19,425	17,150	2,275	11.7
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,325	17,025	1,300	7.1	18,950	17,375	1,575	8.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,350	16,550	1,800	9.8	18,775	16,700	2,075	11.1
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,425	17,175	2,250	11.6	19,950	17,400	2,550	12.8
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,525	3,850	675	14.7	4,850	3,950	900	18.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,700	350	8.5	4,200	3,775	425	10.1
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,900	5,425	475	8.3	5,975	5,425	550	9.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT MSAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	Net Change From August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.0	45.0	45.0	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.2	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	0.8	0	+ 0.2
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.1	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.6	10.9	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.8	9.0	0	- 0.2
General Merchandise	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.4	11.5	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.4	12.3	0	+ 0.1
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.8	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	9.3	9.3	9.5	0	- 0.2
State	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 0.2
Local	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,000 for August. This estimate was unchanged from last month and from August, 1988.

Employment in manufacturing was unchanged from the previous month, but increased by 300 from August of last year. The increase was in other durable goods and other nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing employment for August was estimated at 41,500. This estimate was the same as last month, and 300 less than August, 1988. The decrease from last year was centered in the areas of construction and wholesale and retail trade.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	Net Change From August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	219.4	219.5	218.0	- 0.1	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	19.9	19.8	19.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	4.5	4.4	4.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	15.4	15.4	15.0	0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.8	10.8	10.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.4	0	+ 0.2
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.4	24.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.4	10.4	10.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	53.4	53.3	52.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	11.9	11.9	11.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.5	41.4	41.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.5	13.5	13.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	46.3	46.4	45.9	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	50.6	50.7	50.2	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	48.2	48.3	47.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State	25.5	25.5	25.2	0	+ 0.3
Local	22.7	22.8	22.7	- 0.1	0

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$566.72	$572.02	$557.24	44.0	43.9	42.7	$12.88	$13.03	$13.05
Petro-Chemicals	723.68	728.23	731.43	45.4	45.6	45.8	15.94	15.97	15.97

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA declined 100 in August to 219,400, a figure 1,400 higher than the year-ago level. Manufacturing employment, after two consecutive months of stability, edged upward while nonmanufacturing edged downward.

Manufacturing employment, at 19,900 in August, reached its highest level since December, 1985. Durable goods, up 100, was the only industry that reported job gains. All other sectors of manufacturing showed no change over the month. However, over the year, manufacturing employment increased 700 with nondurable goods accounting for more than half of the upturn.

Nonmanufacturing employment, after strong advances in July, was down 200 in August, but up 700 from the year-ago level. Employment in construction dropped 100. An increase in heavy construction offset losses in general building and special trade contractors. All sectors of trade remained stable with the exception of retail trade which was up 100 due to a new family clothing store opening in this area. Also the largest reported growth in nonmanufacturing in the last year occurred in trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate remained stable over the month, but showed a significant loss of 300 from the year-ago level. The loss was primarily in insurance. Less demand for temporary help services caused a decrease of 100 in services. Government reported a seasonal loss of 100.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 13,100 production workers in all manufacturing was $566.72 for August, a decrease of $5.30 from the July average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $9.48. Average weekly hours at 44.0, increased 0.1 hours, while hourly earnings at $12.88 decreased $0.15 per hour. Overtime worked without premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 267,600 for the month of August. The local unemployment rate also declined to 7.5 percent. Employment at 247,600, and unemployment at 20,000, were both on the decline for August.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,763 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,720 referrals to current openings resulted in 250 placements during the month of August.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	Net Change From August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	55.3	53.8	- 0.5	+ 1.0
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.6	4.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.7	1.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	6.0	6.3	6.0	- 0.3	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.3	6.2	6.3	+ 0.1	0
Water Transportation	4.0	3.9	4.0	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.0	13.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Retail Trade	10.9	10.8	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	9.5	9.6	9.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.5	9.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.0	9.2	- 0.1	+ 0.7
State	2.7	2.8	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Local	7.2	7.2	7.0	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA in August moved down to 54,800, a level 500 below July. The decrease was mostly in nonmanufacturing. Since August, 1988, nonagricultural employment added 1,000 workers.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,500, down 100 from the previous month. The nondurable goods segment exhibited a small decrease largely in food processing. The durable goods segment was unchanged.

Mining made sizable downward adjustments, reflecting a continuation of problems concerning costs of production and prices received for what was produced. Water transportation edged up seasonally. Retail trade employment was higher due to more business in eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited a small decrease spread through several segments. Services showed a slight general downturn. State government tapered off in services other than educational.

Estimated unemployment was 5,500 in August. Unemployment presently comprises 7.8 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 987.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	July 1989	August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	86.3	86.1	86.3	+ 0.2	0
MANUFACTURING	7.1	6.9	7.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.7	1.9	+ 0.2	0
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
MINING	11.6	11.6	11.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.6	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.1	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	23.6	23.4	23.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.1	17.9	18.1	+ 0.2	0
General Merchandise	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 0.1	0
Food Stores	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.5	10.5	10.7	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.5	3.5	3.7	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.8	18.7	19.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.2	12.3	11.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.5	11.6	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
State	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Local	7.8	7.9	7.3	- 0.1	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 86,300, an increase of 200 from last month's revised estimate.

Manufacturing rose by 200 to an estimated level of 7,100. The gain was centered in the durable goods sector of the economy. Trade increased by 200 from July's estimate due to an increase in employment at department stores and food stores in the area. Services was up by 100 due to seasonal gains in the educational services sector.

All other sectors showed little or no change from last month's estimate.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	Net Change From August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	60.2	61.4	59.4	- 1.2	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	10.7	10.7	11.1	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.7	0	- 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.6	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.5	5.4	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.3	4.0	- 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	14.1	14.1	0	0
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Retail Trade	11.5	11.5	11.5	0	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.6	3.6	3.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
SERVICES	11.9	12.1	11.9	- 0.2	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	10.3	11.2	10.3	- 0.9	0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	9.7	10.6	9.7	- 0.9	0
State	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 0.1	0
Local	6.7	7.7	6.7	- 1.0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 60,200, a decrease of 1,200 from the July, 1989 level. The loss primarily occurred in government and reflects the end of summer youth employment.

Construction continues to expand in August, up 100 from July's level. The expansion was concentrated in the heavy construction area of the economy. Transportation and public utilities experienced a loss of 200 in August. Services was down by 200 from July's estimate with the loss centered in the personal services and educational services sectors. Government declined by 900 reflecting the end of summer youth employment.

All other sectors of the local economy were unchanged from last month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	Net Change From August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.3	54.8	54.0	- 0.5	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.1	7.4	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.1	4.0	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.8	13.7	13.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	10.2	10.1	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.4	0	- 0.2
Banking	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.1	12.3	11.8	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.8	10.6	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.7	11.2	10.0	- 0.5	+ 0.7
State	4.0	4.1	3.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	6.7	7.1	6.3	- 0.4	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment estimated at 54,300 was down 500 from the July estimate of 54,800. The loss was primarily in government and reflects the ending of the summer youth programs for disadvantaged youth.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was unchanged over the month.

Construction was up 100 as work continues following the earlier hail storm. Wholesale and retail trade was up 100 due to a gain in the retail trade segment. Services was down 200 due to termination of summer employment at membership organizations.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	Net Change From August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	520.4	522.1	519.8	- 1.7	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	43.7	43.7	43.2	0	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	22.8	22.9	22.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Transportation Equipment	14.1	14.2	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.5	10.5	10.1	0	+ 0.4
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.8	20.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	6.1	5.9	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.7	3.6	- 0.1	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.6	4.8	4.8	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.3	0	+ 0.1
MINING	15.1	15.2	15.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.2	14.3	14.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.0	22.9	23.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	44.6	44.6	44.8	0	- 0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.6	13.6	13.5	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.7	135.1	135.2	- 0.4	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	33.1	33.2	32.1	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.8	18.8	18.5	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	14.3	14.4	13.6	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Retail Trade	101.6	101.9	103.1	- 0.3	- 1.5
General Merchandise	13.1	13.2	13.9	- 0.1	- 0.8
Food Stores	20.0	20.1	20.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	34.6	34.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	33.2	33.2	33.9	0	- 0.7
Banking	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
SERVICES	137.2	137.6	137.0	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12.9	13.1	13.0	- 0.2	- 0.1
Health Services	38.3	38.3	37.3	0	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	88.9	89.8	87.3	- 0.9	+ 1.6
Federal	16.4	16.4	16.1	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	72.5	73.4	71.2	- 0.9	+ 1.3
State	17.7	17.7	18.1	0	- 0.4
Local	54.8	55.7	53.1	- 0.9	+ 1.7

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$434.84	$436.00	$429.91	40.3	40.0	41.1	$10.79	$10.90	$10.46
Durable Goods	387.30	382.91	381.10	39.4	38.6	40.2	9.83	9.92	9.48
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	296.69	308.14	266.10	31.1	31.0	30.0	9.54	9.94	8.87
Fabricated Metal Products	395.85	409.28	442.58	40.6	41.3	45.3	9.75	9.91	9.77
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	359.39	351.53	351.34	39.8	38.8	39.3	9.03	9.06	8.94
Nondurable Goods	487.34	492.66	484.99	41.3	41.4	42.1	11.80	11.90	11.52
Food & Kindred Products	307.21	321.10	322.03	36.1	37.6	38.2	8.51	8.54	8.43
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	219.44	188.16	178.50	37.9	33.6	35.0	5.79	5.60	5.10
Paper & Allied Products	369.79	416.76	412.53	43.2	46.0	47.2	8.56	9.06	8.74
Printing & Publishing	376.70	364.21	385.83	38.4	38.5	39.9	9.81	9.46	9.67
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	772.66	757.22	741.48	47.2	46.2	47.5	16.37	16.39	15.61

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA in August decreased to 520,400, a level 1,700 below July. Seasonal losses in nonmanufacturing were responsible for this decrease. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 600 workers, with the largest increases in government and manufacturing.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,700, remaining at the same level as the previous month. An increase in durable goods was offset by a decrease in nondurable goods. Transportation equipment was down 100 due to less business. Food and kindred products was boosted by a gain in bakery products. Printing and publishing exhibited a downturn of 100 that reflected seasonal factors.

Mining adjusted downward. Construction showed minor upward movement. Transportation and public utilities registered no change from the previous month. Wholesale and retail trade lost workers primarily in the retail trade segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate held steady. Services exhibited an overall decrease. Local government made normal seasonal downward adjustments.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $434.84 per week in August, down $1.16 from last month's average. Compared to last year, weekly earnings are up $4.93 in manufacturing. Average weekly hours were 40.3, up 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.79, down $0.11 from the previous month.

Estimated unemployment for August was 45,800. The unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 8,975.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	August 1989*	July 1989**	August 1988**	Net Change From July 1989	Net Change From August 1988
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	125.8	125.9	129.2	- 0.1	- 3.4
MANUFACTURING	17.8	17.6	18.0	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Durable Goods	12.7	12.5	12.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Metals and Machinery	7.2	7.0	7.4	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.1	1.7	0	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	4.9	5.7	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Other Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
MINING	3.2	3.1	3.2	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.2	6.1	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.1	8.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	31.4	31.7	31.8	- 0.3	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.4	7.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.1	24.3	24.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.0	6.2	6.5	- 0.2	- 0.5
SERVICES	30.7	30.4	31.6	+ 0.3	- 0.9
GOVERNMENT	22.5	22.7	23.2	- 0.2	- 0.7
Federal	5.0	4.9	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	17.5	17.8	18.3	- 0.3	- 0.8
State	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ 0.1
Local	11.5	11.8	12.4	- 0.3	- 0.9

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**	August '89*	July '89**	August '88**
All MANUFACTURING	$448.54	$464.09	$485.97	41.0	41.4	41.5	$10.94	$11.21	$11.71
Lumber and Wood Products	422.70	431.66	293.76	46.4	45.2	38.3	9.11	9.55	7.67
Metals and Machinery	432.01	467.36	513.16	44.4	47.4	45.9	9.73	9.86	11.18
Food and Kindred Products	379.72	316.50	349.32	44.0	42.2	37.4	8.63	7.50	9.34
Printing and Publishing	318.50	289.14	343.28	32.6	30.5	35.1	9.77	9.48	9.78
Petroleum and Coal Products	631.33	652.89	558.93	49.4	50.3	46.5	12.78	12.98	12.02

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate in the Shreveport MSA decreased slightly to 125,800, down from the July estimate of 125,900, and shows a substantial drop from the August, 1988 figure of 129,200. The employment gain in manufacturing between July and August was not enough to offset job losses in the nonmanufacturing sectors.

Total manufacturing employment, estimated at 17,800, moved up from 17,600 in July with increased durable goods productions. The manufacturing employment total still falls below the August, 1988 estimate of 18,000.

The services sector had the largest job increase of all nonmanufacturing industries during the past month. The increase occurred primarily in health services. The additional small gains in mining and construction employment fell short in offsetting job losses in transportation and public utilities, trade, finance, insurance, and real estate, and government. Jobs in total nonmanufacturing dropped from 108,300 to 108,000 between July and August.

The Shreveport MSA had an estimated 13,000 production workers in manufacturing that had average weekly earnings of $448.54, a decrease of $15.55 from July and down $37.43 from last year. Average weekly hours of 41.0 moved down from 41.4 in July and 41.5 one year ago. Average hourly earnings decreased to $10.94, down $0.27 from last month and $0.77 from August, 1988.

The civilian labor force of this area, estimated at 155,800, includes 142,500 employed and 13,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate for August was 8.5 percent.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1989

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,644	1,386	258	34	33	1	26	19	7
Contract Construction (15-17)	7,813	5,182	2,631	205	149	56	1,616	1,176	440
Manufacturing (20-29)	4,507	2,384	2,123	132	47	85	206	120	86
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,678	930	748	41	27	14	158	88	70
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,185	804	381	62	46	16	150	99	51
Retail Trade (52-59)	6,001	3,392	2,609	205	130	75	517	262	255
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,452	1,077	375	37	29	8	217	174	43
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	8,915	4,556	4,359	461	217	244	1,123	558	565
Public Administration (91-97)	1,427	673	754	55	37	18	204	103	101
All Others	103	34	69	1	0	1	24	7	17
Totals	34,725	20,418	14,307	1,233	715	518	4,241	2,606	1,635
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	5,058	3,737	1,321	139	108	31	728	514	214
Clerical and Sales	8,435	5,724	2,711	291	225	66	958	611	347
Services Occupations	4,443	1,228	3,215	291	68	223	453	128	325
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	294	123	171	23	15	8	17	8	9
Processing Occupations	885	440	445	11	5	6	43	27	16
Machine Trades	1,646	1,071	575	88	35	53	198	147	51
Benchwork Occupations	1,410	762	648	23	9	14	52	34	18
Structural Work Occupations	7,690	4,817	2,873	229	160	69	1,458	982	476
Miscellaneous Occupations	4,864	2,516	2,348	138	90	48	334	155	179
Totals	34,725	20,418	14,307	1,233	715	518	4,241	2,606	1,635

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	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	127	106	21	286	254	32	46	40	6
Contract Construction (15-17)	191	153	38	177	124	53	365	291	74
Manufacturing (20-29)	339	266	73	170	78	92	38	27	11
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	74	60	14	50	40	10	51	30	21
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	71	59	12	44	36	8	27	22	5
Retail Trade (52-59)	174	127	47	335	193	142	178	139	39
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	22	20	2	61	45	16	34	23	11
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	168	123	45	323	201	122	242	156	86
Public Administration (91-97)	41	25	16	45	22	23	28	20	8
All Others	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	1,207	939	268	1,493	993	500	1,009	748	261
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	122	109	13	279	226	53	139	112	27
Clerical and Sales	200	172	28	411	328	83	261	211	50
Services Occupations	106	49	57	224	87	137	87	34	53
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	14	9	5	8	5	3	4	3	1
Processing Occupations	226	181	45	67	19	48	17	11	6
Machine Trades	62	50	12	65	46	19	39	32	7
Benchwork Occupations	8	6	2	31	18	13	13	11	2
Structural Work Occupations	283	226	57	180	119	61	316	247	69
Miscellaneous Occupations	186	137	49	228	145	83	133	87	46
Totals	1,207	939	268	1,493	993	500	1,009	748	261

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF AUGUST 1989

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	15	14	1	139	106	33	90	83	7
Contract Construction (15-17)	137	100	37	1,916	1,124	792	365	234	131
Manufacturing (20-29)	254	163	91	872	430	442	599	343	256
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	26	17	9	800	343	457	101	66	35
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	19	17	2	427	263	164	156	107	49
Retail Trade (52-59)	190	114	76	2,570	1,313	1,257	492	230	262
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	42	37	5	670	453	217	172	126	46
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	280	144	136	3,101	1,517	1,584	797	372	425
Public Administration (91-97)	29	14	15	328	122	206	167	64	103
All Others	2	0	2	54	18	36	2	1	1
Totals	994	620	374	10,877	5,689	5,188	2,941	1,626	1,315
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	173	131	42	1,892	1,400	492	382	287	95
Clerical and Sales	266	195	71	3,362	2,005	1,357	752	534	218
Services Occupations	101	28	73	1,607	359	1,248	460	82	378
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	4	1	3	52	17	35	26	8	18
Processing Occupations	10	5	5	149	44	105	19	9	10
Machine Trades	133	83	50	393	234	159	158	82	76
Benchwork Occupations	60	33	27	180	93	87	339	190	149
Structural Work Occupations	121	60	41	1,809	946	863	426	261	165
Miscellaneous Occupations	126	64	62	1,433	591	842	379	173	206
Totals	994	620	374	10,877	5,689	5,188	2,941	1,626	1,315

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